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Empire State Federation Meets

Women From All Sections of State Attend First Session

The first executive session of the Empire State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs was called Tuesday morning at the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, [illegible] street and Lenox avenue, by the president, Mrs. Addie W. Hunton.

Women from all parts of the State registered during the morning. It has been forecasted that the attendance at Newburgh will be rivaled here his year.

Among the prominent women to take part in the meeting is Mrs. Elizabeth Ross Haynes, who is to speak today at noon.

The usher board of the church, the M. D. James Neighborhood Club, the Acorn Club and the Arbor Vitae Social Club are assisting the local clubs in entertaining the Federation.

A full account of the three day session will be reported in The Amsterdam News next week.

MRS. YOUNG MADE FEDERATION HEAD

Federation of Colored Women's Clubs Holds Annual Convention at Duluth.

Mrs. Jennie Young, St. Paul, was re-elected to the presidency of the Minnesota Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, at the twenty-first annual convention, held last week at St. Mark's A. M. E. church.

The other officers were: Mrs. Marie T. Coles, Duluth, re-elected first vice-president; Mrs. M. Wright, Minneapolis, second vice-president; Mrs. Mattie Rhodes, St. Paul, recording secretary; Mrs. Lillian Lewis, St. Paul, assistant recording secretary; Mrs. Anna Foster, St. Paul, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Minnie Archer, St. Paul, treasurer; Mrs. Elizabeth Van Hook, Minneapolis, organizer; Mrs. Levisa Roland, St. Paul, chairman of the ways and means committee; Mrs. Jean Mundy, St. Paul, statistician; Mrs. Gertrude Vinegar, Minneapolis, chaplain; Mrs. E. Sheets, St. Paul, parliamentarian; Mrs. Ruth Grice, St. Paul, chairman of the executive board, and Mrs. Rebecca Foree.

Twenty-two delegates from the Twin Cities and other Minnesota cities represented their clubs at the meeting. A splendid program upon which a number of local speakers appeared was presented in addition to the regular round table meetings.

Th memorial service was a feature of the Thursday afternoon program. Following this service a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Mrs. Susan B. Evans, former president of the federation, was held.

Wednesday evening a chorus of twenty-five young people sang spirituals and several other musical numbers. Following this meeting a reception was held with the retiring officers in the receiving line.

The local committee on arrangements for the meetings were: Mrs. Marie T. Coles, chairman; Mrs. Emma Watts and Mrs. Estelle Bradley.

Federation of Women's Clubs Holds Twenty-First Session.

(By Mrs. J. H. Waller.)

One of the greatest meetings in the history of the organization was held in Tillotson College, Austin, Texas, where the State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs were in their [illegible] session.

Monday was given to the executive board, which, with 25 members present, met at the residence of Mrs. C. E. Christian, President of City Federation, Austin.

On Tuesday morning in the Chapel of Tillotson College, which was beautifully and artistically decorated with [illegible], palms and nuerous ferns and cut flowers, the twenty-first session proper began. Upon roll call above one hundred answered present. Mrs. Nona Pugh furnished the music for the opening ceremonies while Mrs. H. E. Williams presided.

Rev. L. J. Jackson, Marlin; Miss Annie Mathis, State nurse; Mrs. Jessie Daniels Ames, Inter-racial representative; Rev. R. F. Barnwell, State Health lecturer; Prof. J. T. Hodges, Prof. W. H. Fuller and Rev. L. H. Richarson, Austin were happy callers and delivered excellent and well prepared talks.

During the institute, over which Mrs. R. A. Ransom presided, many papers, on the duties and qualifications of a president, were read and discussed.

The Junior Federation, with Miss Danella J. Waller, Dallas, presiding and Miss Jimmie R. Hines, Fort Worth, conducting the program was a success. Miss Oliver Hill, Tyler and President and vice, respectively.

Mrs. R. H. Hines, chairman of American citizenship, which department stresses the power of the ballot, the necessity of paying poll tax and outline studies of American characters of note, held a very interesting program, Wednesday morning.

At Ebernezer Tabernacle, state talent responded to Mrs. N. V. Pugh, state musical directress and scored a "hite." Mrs. L. M. Lewis and Mrs. Maudine Jeffrey, Dallas are to be praised for their unsefu and whole hearted services rendered during the entire session. During this same period an excellent musical-drama was rendered by Austin talent. Special mention is here made of the well prepared paper of Miss A. Bouldin, San Antonio.

Mrs. M. E. V. Hunter, Prairie View College, conducted the program of exhibits. She displayed numerous ways into which the beet could be used.

Mrs. Ragsdale of Jacksonville, demonstrated crystal shade making and vase painting. Miss Lucy McAllister taught fan-making. Demonstrations on how the deaf and dumb songs were made by Mrs. White, Austin.

The art work on exhibit from this place was rare as well as wonderful. The work of the Fritz-Cherri Club and the lamp shade of Mrs. Underwood were largely instrumental in winning the art banner for Dallas.

The membership of the Federation was treated to an auto-sight-seeing tour, an open air reception at the Sam Huston College and several special house dinners.

The one hundred clubs $1350 raised for the state body.

Federation of Women's Clubs Holds Meeting

By Iona Schwing

The twenty-third annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Negro Women's Clubs was held in the First African Baptist church, Philadelphia, July 12 to 16, inclusive. Mrs. Ruth L. Bennett, of Chester, the president of the Federation, presided. Mrs. Sara F. McClanahan of Pittsburgh is vice president of the organization and presided over all executive board meetings. Presidents and delegates of 152 clubs were present, representing a total of 4,000 women throughout the state. A financial report of $29,809.79 was the aggregate sum of money raised by the clubs during the past year, disbursed mostly through the scholarship and social welfare programs. The scholarship committee, Mrs. Fannie Pollard, of Philadelphia, chairman; Mrs. Sadie B. Hamilton, Pittsburgh, secretary, reported having awarded a scholarship at Harvard university. The scholarship silver loving cup was awarded the Lucy Thurman club of Washington, Pa., Mrs. Butler, president.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Ruth L. Bennett, Chester, president; Mrs. Sara F. McClanahan, Pittsburgh, vice president; Mrs. Iona Smallwood Schwing, Pittsburgh, recording secretary; Mrs. Ida S. Wright, Philadelphia, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Blanche Robertson, Philadelphia, financial secretary; Mrs. Fannie Morton, Pittsburgh, treasurer; Mrs. Maud Coleman, Harrisburg, organizer; Mrs. Sadie S. Tribbett, Philadelphia, chaplain; trustees, Mrs. Georgia Handy of Johnstown; Mrs. Hattie P. Smith of Wilkes-Barre; Mrs. Ruth Webster of New Brighton.

Among the distinguished persons addressing the convention were Mrs. I. H. O'Hara, Mrs. J. Willis Martin, Mrs. Willie Layton, Mrs. Maude Morrisette, Judge Edward W. Henry, Mrs. Tull, president City Federation of Clubs (white); Hon. John Asbury, State Legislators Samuel Hart and William Fuller, Mrs. Nellie Weaver Greene, president of the Oklahoma State Federation; Dr. Charles Lewis, Rev. Charles Morris, Mrs. Marquis, Mrs. Moss of Colorado; Mrs. Cary, Hon. Chas. Brooks, Miss Agusta Savage of New York, promising young sculptress, who was recently awarded a scholarship in Rome, Italy; Rev. W. F. Graham, Rev. W. A. Harrod, Mrs. Batopps, general secretary Y. W. C. A.; Mrs. Vasser, Mrs. Alice Tucker, president State Baptist Auxiliary, and Mrs. Addie Hunton, president New York State Federation. Vocalists appearing were Miss Helen Barrett, Miss Alice Dorsey, Pittsburgh City Federation choral; Miss Edythe Sluby, Mrs. Amill Nicholas, Mrs. Dorce Henry, Mrs. Margaret Jackson, Mrs. Frankie Maynard, Mrs. Mary Dennis and Mrs. Callie Walker. Cheer and club songs were led by Mrs. Ida Wright and Mrs. Iona Schwing. The readers included Mrs. Bertha Howard, Miss Turner, Mrs. Margaret Yeats and Mrs. Perry Batipps. Creditable reports were submitted by superintendents of departments. Gold medals were awarded Mrs. Susan Blockson of Sewickley, Supt. Business and Mrs. Charles Lewis, Philadelphia, superintendent legislation for service rendered.

The National program was interestingly presented by Mrs. Daisy Lampkins, Pittsburgh, national organizer. The Federation endorsed the following issues: Mary B. Talbert fund, Douglas Home, $50,000 scholarship loan fund, Junior Federation, National Notes subscription

campaign, National Club headquarters and membership campaign. The president, Mrs. Ruth L. Bennett, was elected delegate to the National Federation meet in Oakland, Calif., on August 1 to 10; also endorsed as member of advisory board of the National.

Miss Mary Lawson, Pittsburgh, was re-elected president of the Junior Federation. Encouraging reports were submitted in all departments, 11 new clubs having joined during the year.

Upon the recommendation of the president, Mrs. Bennett, the N. A. A. C. P. was endorsed and a substantial donation tendered. Miss Augusta Savage, the Coleman Industrial Home for Boys, Pittsburgh, and Nannie Burroughs School were beneficiaries.

The state of country report follows: We, the committee on state of country, beg leave to submit the following report: The condition of the country at this time gives grave reasons of apprehension for the future. There is a growing discontent and restlessness everywhere, which is very significant. Race hatred and intolerance are reigning supreme. It is very apparent, in order to stem the tide and combat this condition, that a gospel of mutual co-operation, mutual good will and mutual understanding must be preached as never before by all of the civic, social and religious organizations throughout the length and breadth of this land. These conditions will be briefly discussed under the following subjects: Economics, Social and Civic.

Economically, America is leading the world. The Negro is occupying a place in the industrial life of America that he has never occupied heretofore; the recent World War gave him his first opportunity and the three per cent immigration law has kept the door of opportunity open. Especially is this true in the large and industrial centers of the country. The Negroes are occupying more skilled and semi-skilled jobs in America today than they have ever occupied heretofore. This opportunity is rapidly changing the economic status of the Negro. More building and loan associations are being organized, more business enterprises being successfully promoted and more Negro home owners.

Along with this opportunity and progress, we still further urge Negroes to practice economy and thrift, until they are a recognized force in the commercial life of America. Socially America has retrograded, as there has been a decided lowering of moral standards and a more general disregard for law. Some causes that have contributed to this are the lack of National enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment, lax censorship of the movies, lack of home training and lack of religious teaching in the public schools.

At this particular time, when America is celebrating her 150th anniversary of the nation, which was founded on Christian principles, it is both timely and just that we present the need for the same kind of Christian training to the youth of today as was given to the loyal and fearless pilgrims who founded the great nation of America. We stand unalterably opposed to all forms of segregation and discrimination, both from a national and state wide aspect. We believe that equal educational opportunities and advantages should be given to all races, regardless of creed or color.

We, as a race, have had cause to be greatly disappointed in President Calvin Coolidge and the present administration. President Coolidge, coming from the great New England section, the home of Wendell Phillips, Lloyd Garrison and the cradle of real liberty; the section of the United States which has always stood for fair play and equal justice, regardless of race, creed or color. He has been called "Silent Cal;" he has certainly lived up to his reputation as far as the Negro race is concerned. He has given us absolutely no recognition for the whole-hearted support that we as a race gave him and made possible his election in 1924. He has been absolutely silent on the great question of lynching, which has brought and still is bringing untold dishonor on America, the greatest country of wealth and Christianity.

The segregated bathing beach at Washington and the recent decision of the Supreme Court, gives us reasons to believe that we as a race, can expect little or nothing from the present administration. He has been reticent concerning the activities of the famous K. K. K. He has taken no issues against them, they are still defiant and he has not only failed to take cognizance of us, but of Jews and Catholics as well. Delegation after delegation of Negroes have visited him and informed him of conditions concerning our race in this country; he has ignored them by still remaining silent and taking no action. He should expect no support from Negro Republicans of America. We want to commend Governor Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania for being honest and fearless enough to be the only senatorial candidate to declare himself on an absolutely dry platform; also for his liberal attitude toward the Negro in the state and in giving the Negro deserved recognition for party loyalty by making four outstanding appointments, namely, Mrs. Maud R. Coleman, special consultant in the State Welfare department; Mr. Edward W. Henry, magistrate of the city of Philadelphia; Mr. Charles Fred White, member of the State Boxing Commission, and Mr. Ernest T. Attwell, member of the board of trustees of Eastern Penitentiary, Philadelphia.

The ballot is the weapon by which many of the serious economic, social and civic conditions, as they pertain to Negroes in America, can be adjusted. We urge that our men and women take advantage of the right of franchise at every available opportunity. That we as a race unite our forces as never before and stand solidly together to combat all opposing forces, realizing that we are 100 per cent Americans and therefore entitled to all privileges and rights of American citizens.

We are Americans and believe in America, but we do not believe America is going to be the best place to live in for any people until it is the best place for all the people who go to make up the citizenry of the greatest country in the world. Humbly submitted, Mrs. Maud R. Coleman, chairman; Mrs. Emma Webster, secretary.

AN OPEN LETTER TO EVERY NEGRO CLUB WOMAN IN AMERICA

The Fifteenth Biennial Convention of the National Association of Colored Women, Inc., the largest organized body of Negro women in the world, will be held in Oakland, California, July 30-August 6, 1926. Special railroad rates will be given to women all over the country, and special trains will leave from Chicago to this great meeting.

Perhaps some of our women do not realize the significance and importance of this convention. The National Association of Colored Women, which stands for the best in Negro womanhood, the best scholarship of our youth, the best home life, the best in business and in health, the best in art, the best in legislation and the best in citizenship embraces a membership of nearly one hundred fifty thousand women of our race, scattered in all sections of America. Individual clubs, city, town and rural clubs are connecte with the state federations and the state federations are affiliated with the national. She brings to this organization the work, the needs, the aims of the women in her section, and takes back to them a report of the work that the supreme association is doing.

The Fifteenth Biennial meeting, to be held in Oakland, Calif. will give unlimited opportunities for progressive measures to be taken among the women of our race. Business will be interspersed with pleasure and sightseeing in the western section of our country. Greater efficiency will be sounght in bringing the women to the highest point attainable in all that the National Association stands for.

We desire the rural districts, the towns, the cities, and the state to be represented one hundred per cent. Send your representative so we may know YOUR problem among the women of your community.

Every Negro Woman in the United States ought to read The National Notes, official organ of the National Association of Colored Women, and see what we are doing—what we plan—what we need to do. Find out from The Notes what your assessments are for your club, and send them in at once to the National Treasurer, Mrs. C. R. McDowell, 1228 Center street, Hannibal, Missouri. Send your subscription of 50 cents for The Notes in to the editor, Mrs. Myrtle Foster Cook, 2436 Montgall avenue, Kansas City, Mo. Communicate with Mrs. Daisy Lampkin, 2519 Webster avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., concerning your transportation to the convention. Communicate with the national president about anything about which you are in doubt. Just plan to be in Oakland, July 30 to August 6.

The program for the convention will be printed in the July issue of The National Notes. Get your subscription in now, in order to get this issue.

Praying God's blessing on each one of you, and urging you to give your fullest co-operation in this work, I am yours for "Lifting as we climb."

MARY McLEOD BETHUNE,
National President.

New Styles In Oratory

IT is comforting to reflect that the old-time Negro orator who ecstatically and inevitably informed his audiences about the exploits of Crispus Attucks, and the black boys in khaki at San Juan and Carrizal and Verdun, and about the nateless progress of the race in every conceivable line of endeavor, is being offered a rest. The new speakers are declining to hypnotize themselves and their audiences with glorification of a status which so evidently can be improved. Hear Mary McLeod Bethune, president of the National Association of Colored Women, in Oakland, California:

"We have accomplished little in triumphs of art, science, education and manufacture as compared with that of the other race; but the very condition should stimulate the thought and energy of our race as never before in the history of dependent peoples. The brain and brawn power of our race should become a combination for stimulating production. Science, invention, creative achievement will do more than anything else in commanding respect of other races. Vain boastings of wealth and manifold achievements by a dependent peoples lead more to humiliation than elevation. Production is the road to wealth, power, influence."

And everybody knows that she is telling the truth.

WOMEN OF BOTH RACES IN MEET

Church Conference Takes Up Various Aspects of Race Problem

Eagles Mere, Pa., Dec. 3.—Fifty women of both races were brought together at the international conference of [illegible]. Thirty-two of the women were white. According to the report of the commission on the church and race relations, "the conference marked a new stage of progress in grappling with interracial problems in the South."

"The program included such topics as experience in interracial work among women, conditions of white and Race women in employment, concrete methods of work in race relations, problems of housing, segregation in cities and the question of what church women can do to create wholesome racial attitudes."

The report further states that there was a spirit of fellowship fostered by the informal contacts which "prevented the development of the emotional tension between northern and southern white women which frequently develops when they meet to discuss the race problem. Furthermore, the fear and suspicion which Race women have of a reactionary sentiment generally expected from the South did not influence this conference and did not determine the attitude of the white women. The dominant attitude of all the women seemed to be liberal, democratic and Christian."

The necessity for interracial thinking before interracial action was emphasized by the conference which outlined several specific measures and appointed a continuation committee "to proceed with promotional plans for getting its suggestions and program of work adopted by local groups of church women among local, denominational and community interracial groups."

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WHAT OF THE WOMANS FEDERATION PROJECT

In the account of the recent meeting of the Federation of Colored Womens Clubs which closed its twenty-first annual session a few days ago, there was no mention of the project on which it was working some time ago and which all of Texas has watched with more than the ordinary amount of interest. More than three years ago, the representatives of all of the clubs of the state, in the meeting in San Antonio, decided to undertake the establishment of a home for the delinquent Negro girls of the state and during that meeting, agreed to the purchase of a plot of ground near the city of San Antonio. It is understood that that contract is still in effect but the scarcity of news as to the progress of the organization in this regard prompts The Express in its question as to the fate of the project.

It was a weighty undertaking in the first place but one which, in the judgment of this journal, that organization could have handled with ease. It was a thing which is badly needed in this state for the fate of the delinquent of both sexes in Texas is deplorable, to state the case mildly. And further, the project was one in which all of the members of the race in the state could have joined heartily as far as its support, both moral and financial was concerned.

The Express hopes that in the case of this project of the Federation "no news is good news" and that it is progressing as well as could be hoped for. It is a thing which can be done, and by this organization of ladies. Its successful establishment will be a source of pride to the whole state as well as a means of giving to the organization which fosters it confidence in its ability to accomplish. Texas needs it and is anxiously awaiting some knowledge of its progress. The federation can well afford to give this bit of information to the general public for the project constitutes, in the minds of many, the largest of the worthwhile things which are in the program of the organization.

NATIONAL MEET of WOMEN IN SESSION AT OAKLAND

OAKLAND, Calif., Aug. 11.—Elaborate plans are being laid by leaders of the National Association of Colored Women for their activities through the coming year. Under the leadership of Mrs. McLeod Bethune, president of the organization, 18 standard Pullman cars, accommodated by two diners and a club car brought a large number of delegates and representatives from all parts of the country to the meeting.

Predictions of the pessimists who foresaw in the California meeting a falling away from the standard already set because the place of meeting was "so far removed" have fallen flat and the present meeting is declared by enthusiastic officials to be the best in the history of the organizaion.

The object of this organization is to enthuse the women of the nation and instruct and inspire them in the work that they can do to advance themselves along lines social, political, civic and economic. Much emphasis will be placed during the coming year on Religious Emphasis Week which has been definitely set for the latter part of next February.

Welcome addresses to the body were warmly extended by city officials and prominent residents here. The officers and delegates of the organization have been recipients of many social courtesies extended them during their stay in this city. The end of the week will see the close of this, the fifteenth biennial session of the association.

Mrs. Mary Bethune Scores Confusion Within the Race

Associated Negro Press

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 11.—"One of the great problems confronting the Negro of America is the confusion of his own ideals" declared Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of the National Association of Colored Women, in her address to the biennial in this city. Eight thousand people were present as she announced her program and she was cheered to the rafters by delegates and friends from every state in the union.

Her program included the maintenance of the Douglass Home, acquired thru the consecrated efforts of the late president of the Association, Mary B. Talbert; the promotion of the scholarship efforts begun by Past President Miss Hallie Q. Brown, and the establishment of a national headquarters in Washington for the organization, which is Mrs. Bethune's own idea.

In executive board meetings before the convention opened, every proposal of Mrs. Bethune was enthusiastically endorsed.

She urged that the Douglass Home be preserved "as a shrine of liberty for the unborn generations of Negroes."

"The Scholarship Fund in process of completion" Mrs. Bethune emphasized, "spells 'Opportunity' to the oncoming generations. It also represents a greater awakening of our people to the need and virtue of self-help in education. I want you to think of yourselves as salesmen of a most necessary commodity to the race—education."

Conflicting idealisms within the race must be harmonized, the national president pointed out. This has been done before any people in the world's history has overcome all obstacles and taken its place among the ranks of the independent, respected races of the earth.

"The American ideals of citizenship suggest self-support as a primary essential of self-government and service as the acid test," continued Mrs. Bethune. "The conflicting idealism of our race centers around self-support and service. Let us acknowledge some truths, face some facts, sincerely, honestly, bravely. The time has come when we must believe in progress as something more than a creed.

"We have accomplished little in triumphs art, science, education and manufacture, as compared with that of the other race; but the very condition should stimulate the thought and energy of our race as never before in the history of a dependent people. The brain and brawn of our race ought to become a combination for stimulating production. Science, invention, creative achievement, will do more than anything else in commanding the respect of other races. Vain boastings of wealth and manifold achievemnts by a dependent people lead more to humiliation than elevation. Production is the road to wealth, power and influence.

"We have developed no middle class to sustain our 'social upper crust.' Yet we have a minority group of cultured members of the race whose education, native endowments and ambitions fit them well for the enjoyment of any station of life. But the masses must be helped and awakened. We must become great producers. The one great need of the Negro in America is a great federation, uniting all forces to form one huge engine of production.

"Some definite type of action must be named which will challenge the conflicting forces within our race to co-operative effort, and at the same time teach them the fundamentals of an art in which we have hitherto shown ourselves so woefully inexpert. The trend of science, invention, manufactures and politics in America has given us a new world constantly changing. We face new and tremendous risks and must turn our attention to the question of pooling our burdens and means to bear them. All the events, circumstances, tendencies, of this time should convince us of the great need of one another's help—the starting point of cooperation. We face difficulties in America, difficulties that will tax the resources of the most statesmanlike, the knowledge of the expert to the uttermost. But the prospect may well be considered a point to the good, for nothing short of the most difficult task, requiring the full concentration of all our talent will provide our race with sufficient experience and power to ultimately dominate its destiny."

Mrs. Bethune then declared that the political, legal, historical and religious minds, all had their part to play, but today's problems call for the trained scientific, industrial, business and creative minds, because although ideal principles must be used, their practical application is a necessity and fundamental to the progress which means prosperity and happiness.

"To the practical mind falls the task of stabilizing the progress of the race by systematizing business, organizing industry and setting in motion the factors of the race which will guarantee permanent progress and prosperity," she announced.

The great audience before which Mrs. Bethune spoke was noticeably affected when she referred to white America's "plain duty, moral, social, economic, political and spiritual, to more than 12,000,000 souls of its population because of their African blood."

But even now she noted, the soul of the nation is undergoing a rebirth regarding citizens of Negro blood. Here and there, are bright signs, stars of hope in distant heavens. The national president advised that we "uphold the status of the Christian religion; resist the implication that we constitute a separate part of this nation, invade every field of activity in America; contribute in every way we can to fostering and perpetuating the honored national ideals, battle shoulder to shoulder with the nation's best citizenship for an untarnished service of a free people by public officers of unquestioned character and honor in county, city, state and national governments."

Nor did Mrs. Bethune forget the relation which the great Association of women must bear to world problems holding that the organized "must assume an attitude toward all big questions involving the welfare of the nation, both national and international" and including the "humanitarian, moral, social, and economic difficulties puzzling the world today.

"Their solution," she avowed, "will be a test of the Rock of Christianity upon which rests the hope of a stable world order."

Explaining that many of the Negro's difficulties were political and economic, she advised that problems of the first nature must be solved in order that the Negro may liberate himself, and of the second to insure the Negro's ability to take care of himself."

Her address was concluded with the following appeal:

"We must make this national body of colored women not merely a national influence, but also a significant link between the peoples of color throughout the world. I have a firm conviction that the National Association of Colored Women may become a most influenial and powerful factor in helping the world to realize the humanitarian idealism for which its better souls are striving in the efforts of nations to achieve a stable order of

things. It would surely be a glorious triumph to perform indisputable service helping to win an object so wondrous and sublime in vision.

"I have envisioned a world gathering of colored women, a conservative, peace-loving body carrying the torch of freedom, equal rights, human love—holding it high and brightening the world with rays of justice, tolerance and faithful service in God's name. It is my judgment that this great association is the lever with which to overturn racial intolerance and artificial prejudice. They hinder human unity in America and throughout the world where a deadline has been drawn between the white races and people of colored blood. This knowledge suggests a great work about which I want you to be thinking soberly, sincerely, and seriously. It constitutes the international mission of the National Association of Colored Women.

"We must first establish, dedicate and operate our National Headquarters in Washington. We must make it a clearing house of cooperative effort among American Colored women in the fine objects at the very foundation of this body. We must make it a conservative dynamo, directed against the evils in our nation, a lighthouse, beckoning all other colored women on the stormy world-sea, to America for co-operation in their struggles for existence, peace, prosperity and independence. It can be done by thinking, planning, working and the kind of fighting which fits all human beings for both life and death."

CAPITAL CHOSEN MEETING PLACE OF WOMEN, 1928

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Washington D.C.

Mrs. Julia West Hamilton, president of the Washington and Vicinity Federation, has just returned from Oakland, Calif., where she was sent as a delegate to the National Association of Colored Women. Mrs. Hamilton speaks in glowing terms of the meetings and the entire program of the National.

The Washington and Vicinity Federation met every obligation to the National sending per capita fee for every member, the budget, the Mary B. Talbert Fund, the Douglass Home, the Scholarship Loan and rosters—totaling two hundred and eighty dollars. The Washington and Vicinity Federation was represented by five ladies: Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Mary F. Thompson, Mrs. Mary Holland, Mrs. Rebecca Murdock, Mrs. Florence Watson. These ladies were very much pleased at the recognition given their organization to join them as an affiliated organization with all of the rights and privileges of a State federation. Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Thompson were members of the executive board and Mrs. Hamilton was especially honored in being placed on two very important committees—election and time and place.

Invitations from Kansas City, Mo., Muskogee, Okla., [illegible] were presented. Kansas City, Mo., [illegible] Washington and Vicinity [illegible] months old [illegible] in having [illegible] is the [illegible] invited the Washington [illegible] zation 30 years ago.

The members are [illegible] thusiastic at the prospect of entertaining the great National Association of Colored Women.

During the Oakland convention the department of Work Women was created and organized. Washington and Vicinity was again honored in having its assistant recording secretary, Mrs. Emma Merck Brooks, chosen as treasurer, a[illegible] was elected after dates upon the program. There were many compliments paid and received, showing the esteem and delegates of the Washington and Vicinity Federation.

Now that the Oakland convention has passed into history, Mrs. Hamilton and her loyal band of women are already laying plans for 1928 biennial with the slogan to add [illegible]

"Lifting as we climb."

"We will [illegible] strong."

We are [illegible] dream, [illegible] deed.

We have [illegible] and [illegible]

Shun not the struggle [illegible]

Clasp [illegible]

ACTIVITIES AMONG NEGROES

OAKLAND CAL.—TRIBUNE
JULY 29, 1928

By Delilah L. Beasley

The special train of twenty Pullman coaches bringing to Oakland delegates to the biennial meeting of the National Association of Colored Women, arrived here today for the first convention held by the body of colored women west of Denver. Members from the Pacific coast and middlewest have been trying for 20 years to have them convene here.

Executive sessions will be held tomorrow and Saturday in the parlors of the Linden branch Y. W. C. A. A mass meeting will be held Sunday at 3:30 p. m., in the Municipal auditorium, where the convention proper will open Monday morning, and will continue Friday, August 6. Many foreign delegates will be present.

The National Association of Colored Women was formed in Washington, D. C., in 1896, and since then has so enlarged its sphere that, according to the recording secretary, it now has 200,000 members. They are interested in all questions of interest to women—good citizenship and government—such as child welfare, citizenship education, legislation, health, hygeine and good government in regard to bills brought before Congress. The organization is a member of the Women's Joint Legislative Council which have representatives at all times in the national capital who act as lobbists.

FLORIDAN IS PRESIDENT

Features to come before the meeting will be the budget funds

MRS. MARY BERTHUNE.

MRS CHARLOTTE BROWN.

for the upkeep of the Frederick Douglass Home and Shrine, Cedar Hill, Anacosti, Washington, D. C., the scholarship loan fund, permanent national headquarters, the revision of the constitution and by-laws.

The president of the National Association of Colored Women is Mrs. Mary McCloud Bethune, founder and president of Bethune-Cookman college, Dayton Beach, Florida. She founded it on $1.50 in a cabin which she rented on credit with five students and empty boxes for desks and benches. This was in 1904. Today the school has grown until it now has 12 buildings and equipment valued at $500,000 and 45 teachers.

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Howard's Work—1926

WILMINGTON
DELAWARE

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Mrs. Mary M. Bethune Urges Club Federation to Adopt Definite Program

Officers for Coming Year Are Elected and Installed by the Organization

A plea for co-operation and love among the members of the colored race was made last night by Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of the National Association of Colored Women, before more than 200 persons attending the eleventh annual convention of the State Federation of Colored Women at Ezion M. E. Church, Ninth and French streets. Mrs. Bethune, who is the founder of Bethune Cookman College, which she began 22 years ago with $1.50, told of the progress made by the race in other states and also gave a report from the 15th biennial convention which was held last August at Oakland, Cal.

She declared that the time had come for the colored man and woman and to take a more active interest in government problems and in their own advancement.

Councilman Welcomes Delegates

Greetings in behalf of Mayor Forrest were extended at the beginning of the evening session by City Councilman John O. Hopkins. He congratulated the women for their work in this city.

The following newly elected officers were installed: Mrs. Mary Whitten, president; Carrie L. Kyler, first vice-president; Miss Gertrude Brown, second vice-president; Mrs. Alice Dunbar Nelson, chairman of the executive board; Gertrude J. Henry, secretary; Florence Henry, assistant secretary; Mrs. C. W. America, treasurer; Mrs. V. G. Hubert, State regent; Rosea Lee, chaplain; Edith Reynolds, parliamentarian; Mrs. Mary J. Stuard, honorary president.

A short address was given by the past president, Mrs. Stuard. Short talks were also given by Miss Pauline Ernst, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Beatrice Lockridge, superintendent of Industrial School for Colored Girls.

At the afternon session an address on "Prisons and Reform" was given by Rev. W. Vrooman, pastor of the Unitarian Church. Mrs. Helen G. Wise spoke on various aspects of the child labor law, declaring that the law "has too many strings attached to it to be effective."

A discussion of the rights of colored women in industry and an outline of the survey to be made by the national organization of this problem was given by Mrs. M. Mossell Griffin, national chairman of the department of women in indstry. She said that colored women were not given their just rights in many cases, such as poor wages and sanitary conditions.

Resolutions Adopted

The following resolutions were adopted by the State federation:

"We wish to commend the noble work of our national president, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, in aiding the stricken men and women of our race in the storm-devastated regions of Florida.

"We deplore the increase in the number of lynchings in the country and call upon Congress to pass a Federal law, punishing those who participate in lynchings.

"We commend the work of the national inter-racial committee, and also that of the local branch, which is aiming to wipe out inequalities in the housing conditions of the races.

"We commend the work of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, especially in the past year in its handling of the Sweet case, segregation cases, the release of the prisoners of the 24th Infantry.

"We deplore the recent and unwarranted attacks upon the integrity of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and we wish to affirm our entire confidence in the national secretary, James Weldon Johnson.

"We regret that segregation in the departments at Washington has not ceased, but is on the increase. We also call attention to the fact that segregation in the courts of our own city still obtains, and no effort is being made to stop it."

Music at the evening session was furnished by the church choir under the direction of Miss C. Mae Brooks. The invocation was given by Rev. John Brown, and the benediction by Dr. B. T. Moore. A reception was held in the lecture room of the church after the adjournment of the convention, with Mrs. Laura Anderson in charge.

The afternoon session was opened at 1.30 o'clock with prayer by the chaplain, Mrs. Lee. Reports from the heads of departments were given.

An appeal in behalf of African missionaries was made by Bishop Sampson Brooks, of Monrovia, Africa. A round table discussion, led by Mrs. Whitten, concluded the afternoon session. Talks were given by Miss Ent, of the Associated Charities; Miss M. Terrett, of Children's Bureau; Miss Lydia Davenger, R. N., of Public Schools; Miss Yeatmar, superintendent of Babies' Hospital Mrs. Maria L. Jones, of the Day Nursery; Miss Elizabeth Van Vranken, superintendent of Edgewood Sanitarium; Mrs. Beatrice Lockridge, superintendent of Industrial School for Colored Girls, and Miss Nodde, superintendent of Visiting Nurses.

Mrs. Stuard presided at the morning session, which was opened with a song service with Miss Edith White as pianist. The Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Adelia Murray. The following resolutions committee was appointed: Mrs. Alice D. Nelson, Mrs. E. Gertrude Rose and Mrs. Mary H. Whitten. The credential committee appointed was Mrs. Ella White, Mrs. Carrie Kyler and Mrs. Ardella Hicks.

The program committee was composed of Mrs. Whitten, Mrs. Ellen White, Miss Edith Hawkins, Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Rose. The publicity committee was composed of Mrs. Gertrude Brown, Mrs. Whitten and Mrs. Carrie Kyler. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, of which Miss Gertrude J. Henry was in charge.

OAKLAND CAL.—TRIBUNE

JULY 29, 1926

NEGRO ACTIVITIES AMONG NEGROES

By Delilah L. Beasley

The special train of twenty Pullman coaches bringing to Oakland delegates to the biennial meeting of the National Association of Colored Women, arrived here today for the first convention held by the body of colored women west of Denver. Members from the Pacific coast and middlewest have been trying for 20 years to have them convene here.

Executive sessions will be held tomorrow and Saturday in the parlors of the Linden branch Y. W. C. A. A mass meeting will be held Sunday at 3:30 p. m., in the municipal auditorium, where the convention proper will open Monday morning, and will continue Friday, August 6. Many foreign delegates will be present.

The National Association of Colored Women was formed in Washington, D. C., in 1896, and since then has so enlarged its sphere that, according to the recording secretary, it now has 200,000 members. They are interested in all questions of interest to women—good citizenship and government—such as child welfare, citizenship education, legislation, health, hygeine and good government in regard to bills brought before Congress. The organization is a member of the Women's Joint Legislative Council which have representatives at all times in the national capital who act as lobbists.

FLORIDAN IS PRESIDENT

Features to come before the meeting will be the budget, funds

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Drama and Pathos Found in Recent Appearance of Mrs. Bethune in California

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 25—(A. S. P.)—The drama of race relationship, the sisterhood of women, black and white, and the possibilities which may lie before some tatoed little Negro girl whom the throng passes by, probably never were better exemplified than by the life story behind a dramatic incident during Mary McLeod Bethune's recent visit here.

The National Association of Colored Women had concluded their Oakland meeting and had come on to Los Angeles, where the hospitable citizens of this great city had gathered to do them honor in a great meeting and reception. Sitting on the platform beside Mrs. Bethune, who after a term of wonderful accomplishment as president of the organization had been re-elected, was a shy and modest little white woman. Perhaps some one gave a moment's wonderment as to who she was, almost she was lost in the glitter of the bright, vigorous personalities who adorned the stage.

The meeting reached its peak. Mrs. Bethune had made a wonderful address in which she had pled for greater help and support for the under-privileged Colored girl. A delegation of club women brought forward in appreciation a beautiful boquet of flowers, and the audience watched as Mary Bethune gathering them into her arms carried and laid them in the lap of the little white woman who sat there. And then she told a story which riveted the attention of every person in the vast gathering and left scarcely an eye which was not wet with tears.

This little white woman was the one who had given Mary McLeod Bethune her chance in life. Miss Mary Crissman as her name. As a child in a quaker family, she had been taught to give one tenth of her income to charity. As she grew up and became a school teacher, she contnued the habit. The money which she sent into the Quaker fund was apropriated toward the expenses of Mary McLeod Bethune a poor little Negro girl in the rice fields of South Carolina. Thirty years had passed. Their only communication had been by correspondence, and for many years that had been broken. Just recently Mrs. Bethune had learned that the woman who had with her meagre savings educated her was still living and in Los Angeles. That was why Miss Chrissman was occupying the place of honor on the platform.

Mary Bethune began to speak again. Tears were streaming down her cheeks. There she stood, undoubtedly the most outstanding Negro woman in the world today, a college president, a leader of her group, wonderful in her accomplishment, the result of a little investment by this little quaker girl. And so she plead with the multide present, rich and poor, white and black to "invest in a human soul." "Who knows, she said, "it might be a diamond in the rough."

Sixth Annual Meeting of Conference for Colored Women

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Conference for Colored Women, conducted by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Synod of Georgia Presbyterian Church, came to a close on Friday night, June 11th, after five days of instructive and satisfactory session.

The conference was held at Spellman College, which was an ideal place. The spacious lawns, beautiful driveways and magnificent buildings, with modern equipment and courteous and considerate treatment by those in charge, all contributed to the pleasure and comfort of those who were fortunate enough to attend.

Much to our regret, Mrs. Turner, state president, was able to be with us only through Monday. However, Mrs. Smith, state secretary, who was in charge, assisted by Mrs. Heston, state treasurer, were absolutely true to the trust and spared nothing that they felt would add to the success of the meeting.

There were about forty-three women in attendance, five more than last year, representing five denominations, viz: Baptists, 18; Presbyterians, 13; Methodists, 10; Congregationalists, 1, and Episcopalian, 1. About fifty churches were represented. These forty-three delegates came from about eighteen cities in Georgia and one from South Carolina.

The program was a very full, practical and instructive one. From Citizenship and Parent-Teacher Association, Thrift Dressmaking, Negro Folklore, Inter-racial Work, Poster Making in Missionary Work, A Sensible Budget for a Practical Home, An Artistic Home Furnished on a Limited Purse, etc.

In the practically unanimous opinion of the delegates, the General Bible Study, under the direction of Miss Edith Hodgson, of Athens, Ga., was the outstanding feature of the conference, and all the other subjects were treated in a very instructive and interesting manner. It was very evident that each instructor was particularly fitted for the work to which he or she was assigned.

At all times there was manifest a spirit of sincerity and unselfishness and an absolute lack of any prejudice. The meeting was brought to a close by the "Stunt Night" program, which follows:

Song, "Conference Greeting"—Congregational.

Reading, "Be a Woman"—Miss Dora Lee Shamblee.

Solo, "Personal Tribute"—Mrs. Emma O'Neal.

Talk, "Rural Work"—Mrs. Lillie Gaines Rogers.

Reading—Genevieve Atkinson.

Solo, "His Almighty Hand"—Miss Ethel Walker.

Conference Poem, "Louise Lane"—Read by Miss Ruth Thompson.

One-Minute Expressions by delegates.

Duet, "If I Could But Tell All His Glory"—Miss Clara Lovejoy and s. D. K. Harrison.

Parting Song—Congregation.

At this point Mrs. A. H. Burney, on behalf of the delegates, presented to Mrs. Smith a beautiful basket of carnations. Mrs. Smith responded most graciously and forthwith introduced our own Mrs. H. R. Butler, who spoke briefly yet strongly on "Using What You Have."

The fact that all who attended the "Get Acquainted Social" on Saturday night, June 5th, till "Stunt Night by Delegates," June 11th, one was in the midst of a continual round in instruction by lectures and demonstrations, etc.

The course included Sunday School Methods, Nursing Course, General Bible Study, Homes Sewing Class, Play Ground Demonstration with added lectures on

enjoyed every moment and were much benefited was attested by the unanimous and enthusiastic adoption of the following resolutions:

"Whereas, we the delegates of the Sixth Annual Conference for Colored Women, do hereby offer the following resolutions:

"To the Presbytery, the Woman's Auxiliary of the Synod of Georgia, the President, Mrs. Turner; the Secretary, Mrs. Smith, who served so well in the absence of Mrs. Turner; Mrs. Heston, and members of the local committee for having made it possible for us to enjoy the opportunity of attending the Conference; to the members of the faculty, who have labored so earnestly to give us the best that was in them; to Miss Hooper, for her hearty welcome and comfortable rooms; to Miss Howard, for the well-planned meals; to Mrs. Williamson and her helpers, for the well-prepared meals; to the waitresses for their patience and willingness to serve us, and to all who in any way have contributed to our comfort and pleasure, be it

"Resolved, That we take this method of expressing our most grateful appreciation.

"Resolved, That we extend hearty thanks to Spellman College for having opened its doors to us, and to Mrs. Butler and her coworkers for the beautiful and inspiring vesper services.

"Resolved, That as we go from here we cherish each idea and thought and pass them on in our various communities. Be it further

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"Miss C. M. Lovejoy, Committee on Resolutions.

"Mrs. Cora Williams.

"Mrs. Emmie O'Neal."

D. K. HARRISON.

Woman's Work - 1926

CLUB WOMEN FORM NEW BODY

Northwestern Federation Splits to Set Up Central Organization

A meeting of some of the most prominent clubwomen in the Middle West at St. Mark's church Thursday afternoon reorganized the Northwestern Federation of Women's clubs into two distinct bodies and adopted a constitution forming a new central association for the 800 clubs of the 10 central states. The new central association also elected a complete slate of officers, headed by Mrs. Minnie N. Scott of Toledo, Ohio, as president, and Mrs. Lillian Jones Brown of Indianapolis, Ind., as vice president.

Mrs. M. N. Scott

The change was made necessary by the rapid growth of the work of the women's clubs in this section of the country, and was effected through in the interest of greater efficiency in handling the [illegible] program. The [illegible] the reorganization was held in the same place where ten years ago the Northwestern federation took form. The intervening decade has been one of unprecedented progress in the work of women's clubs.

In 1915 there was only the Northeastern and Northwestern organization. The Southeastern federation was formed later and as its activities spread new territory was added. A redistricting of the federations took place and there was formed the central association, of which Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune is president. It will hold its annual convention in Oakland, Calif., in July of this year.

Plans were made for biennial conventions of the central association, with the next meeting to be at St. Louis Dec. 28 to 30, 1927. The states of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Ohio and Kentucky are included in the new body. Among its prominent officers is Mrs. Ella P. Stewart of Toledo, Ohio, head of the business department which directs the activities of ten state chairmen. With Mrs. Scott, she was one of the original members in the Northwestern federation. Mrs. Joanna Snowden Porter of Chicago, another charter member, was rewarded for ten years' active service by being elected an honorary president.

The other officers are: Mrs. Beatrice Childs of Kansas, second vice president; Mrs. Savonna Carson of Michigan, secretary; Mrs. Joseph Bryan of Minnesota, assistant secretary; Mrs. A. Williams of St. Louis, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Tabina Anderson of Kentucky, treasurer; Mrs. H. G. Webster of Indiana, chaplain; Mrs. S. J. Brown of Iowa, historian; Mrs. Clara Montgomery of Wisconsin, stastistician; Mrs. Theresa Macon of Chicago, chairman of the executive committee.

The following heads of departmnets were elected: Education, Mrs. C. L. Hamilton, Illinois; social service, Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, Indiana; fine arts, Mrs. A. J. Bouldin, Kansas; labor, Mrs. Ida Holly, Wisconsin; economics, Mrs. L. Margaret Williams, Michigan; business, Mrs. Ella P. Stewart, Ohio; credentials, Mrs. Ida Postle, Michigan; finance, Mrs. Maude Woods, Iowa; publicity, Mrs. Joanna Snowden Porter, Illinois; legislative, Mrs. Eva C. Monroe, Illinois; revision of constitution, Mrs. Charles French, Kansas; transportation, Mrs. Lizzie B. Fouse, Kentucky.

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Negro Women To Hold Durham Meet

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Friends from all parts of the State are asked to make up automobile picnic parties and join the members of the Federation at Efland.

All persons, delegates or otherwise, planning to be present at the annual meeting, will notify Mrs. W. G. Pearson, 808 Fayetteville St., Durham, N. C., at once.

NEW YORK AGE
MARCH 21, 1925

SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE IS LAUNCHED BY NEGRO WOMEN

Every State Co-operating in $50,000 National Campaign for Education of Colored Girls

By Lester A. Walton

In the Nation-wide movement among Negroes for the establishment of scholarship funds to assist worthy young men and women in obtaining an education the National Association of Colored Women has formulated and put into operation an ambitious and comprehensive program. It is conducting a drive to raise $50,000 within the race. Every State is co-operating.

Scholarship funds also are being formed by Negro churches, secret societies, Greek-letter fraternities and "Red Caps." The respective amounts involved however, are smaller than what the women of the race have set out to collect. A concerted effort is being made to reach the goal set by July 31, when the Association convenes in biennial convention at Oakland.

Miss Hallie Q. Brown, Chairman of the National Scholarship Fund of Wilberforce, O., says "it is the hope of the National Association of Colored Women to build enduring monuments by helping educate girls and secure for them a wider field of usefulness, a higher standard of life and an inspiration to coming generations."

In New York State the drive is under the leadership of Mrs. Addie Hunton, Mrs. Frances Keyser and Miss Layle Lane, Chairman.

"The great need of such a fund is obvious," says Miss Juliette Derricotte, Student Secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association. "We have only to think of the girls in our own experience who might have gone on but for the lack of funds. We have only to think of those girls who make a brave start and have to drop out."

In her appeal to Negroes in the interest of the scholarship fund, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune of Daytona, Fla., President of the National Association of Colored Women, head of the Daytona-Cookman Collegiate Institute, and regarded by many as the most outstanding woman of her race in America says:

"The world-wide awakening to the vital importance of education for all of the people since the great war has not been confined to any nation or race. Education is the commodity in greatest demand from Pole to Pole. Men of means are investing in it as in no other security, confident of the enduring value of the returns upon their investment.

"One of the brightest spots in the history of the Negro in this country, one of the most assuring evidences of the possibility of inter-racial cooperation is the extent to which white people, both north and south, have contributed to Negro education. With the exception of a few of our denominational schools, any large Negro institution of learning stands as a monument of the generosity of white people ad their faith in the possibilities of black people. Their gifts, though not spread over as large areas as formerly, are increasing rather than decreasing:

"They are constantly inquiring, however, as to the extent Negroes are investing their own money in the education of their children. They know the Negro is acquiring wealth. They know he has strong social, religious and fraternal organizations. They know he has comforts and sometimes luxuries in his homes. They know that in the early history of this country—in the days of lean things—they had to give of their little to establish the great schools which are to-day the glory of the nation. They believe that the Negro can and should do more to build and support his own institutions.

"In the face of this incontrovertible fact it is incumbent upon us to go to the California meeting prepared to pay in the full $50,000 * * * Women have ever been the greatest assets, spiritual and otherwise, to our educational system. Let us live up to our precious tradition of service in this fundamental human field. Let us say to the world that Negroes are alive to their responsibility to their children in matters of education, and that organized black womanhood can successfully bear their part of the burden which belongs to every freeman to prepare the children of to-day for the citizenship of to-morrow. Obviously this is our task. Let us put it over as only women can."

The National Association of Colored Women in directing the attention of Negroes throughout the country to the annual expenditures for public schools in some of the States, and asks, "What can we do?"

Quoting from the Negro Year Book that in 1924 there were in the sixteen former slave States and in the District of Columbia 3,141,869 Negro children of school age, and of these 2,149,548 or 68.4 per cent., were enrolled in school, and that the number of Negro public school teachers in these States was 42,018, the Association says:

"Where are the 992,321 Negro children in these States who ought to be in school? Why are they not in school? What are they doing?

"What are the club women of these States doing to save nearly a million Negro children from ignorance and its usual sequence of vice, disease and death?"

It is estimated that 42,018 Negro teachers are required to teach 3,149,869 children, an average of nearly seventy-five to each teacher.

The Association points out that in South Carolina the investment in public school property for colored is $5 per capita, for white $60; in Mississippi, $6 for colored, $32 for white; Georgia, $7 for colored, $74 for white, and in the other southern States, with the exception of North Carolina, the ratio is about the same.

According to the 1920 census there are 1,824,161 Negro illiterates in this country; 166,416 from ten to fifteen years; 162,758 from sixteen to twenty, and 1,512,897, or 82.1 per cent., twenty-one and over.

"Plant a dollar—grow a scholar," is the organization's slogan in the present campaign. Ohio is said to be setting the pace.

Officers of the National Association of Colored Women are: Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Daytona, Fla., President; Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, Evansville, Ind., Vice President; Mrs. Jane Porter Barrett, Peak's Turnout, Va., Chairman of Executive Board; Mrs. Lizzie B. Fouse, Lexington, Ky., Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. W. T. B. Williams, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, First Recording Secretary; Mrs. A. L. Anderson, Duquoin, Ill., Second Recording Secretary; Mrs. J. Frances Pierce, Nashville, Third Recording Secretary; Mrs. C. R. McDowell, Hannibal, Mo., Treasurer; Mrs. Daisy E. Lampkin, Pittsburgh, Organizer; Mrs. Pearl L. Winters, Bakersfield, Cal., Chairman of Ways and Means Committee; Mrs. Blanche M. Beatty, Tampa, Parliamentarian; Mrs. M. E. Josenburger, Fort Smith, Ark., Auditor; Mrs. Lawrence C. Jones, Braxton, Miss., Statistician; the Rev. Mrs. Florence Randolph, Jersey City, Chaplain.

The State Presidents are: Mrs. A. M. Brown, Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs.

Clandine Johnson Bass, Little Rock, Ark.; Mrs. Jessie James, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. Corina Bush Hicks, Pasadena, Cal.; Mrs. Alyce Lamb, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Miss Minnie J. Bradley, New Haven, Conn.; Mrs. Mary J. Stuard, Wilmington, Del.; Mrs. Inez Alston, Tampa, Fla.; Mrs. Rebecca Stiles Taylor, Savannah, Ga.; Mrs. Irene Goins, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, Evansville, Ind.; Mrs. Margaret M. Patton, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Charles Chiles, Kansas City, Kan.; Mrs. E. B. Delaney, Covington, Ky.; Mrs. Cora M. Allen, Shreveport, La.

Mrs. Annie H. Ross, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Dora Johnson, Roxbury, Mass.; Mrs. Margaret L. Williams, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Mrs. Jennie L. Young, St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. E. B. Miller, Yazoo City, Miss.; Miss Arsonio Williams, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Clarinda Lowery, Helena, Mont.; Mrs. Adah Hollins, Lincoln, Neb.; the Rev. Mrs. Florence Randolph, Jersey City, N. J.; Mrs. C. H. Byers, Alamogus, N. M.; Mrs. Addie M. Hunton, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Sedalia, N. C.; Mrs. Della M. Fields, Toledo, O.; Mrs. Nellie W. Greene, Muskogee, Okla.; Mrs. Ruth E. Flowers, North Portland, Ore.; Mrs. Ruth L. Bennett, Chester, Pa.; Mrs. Roberta J. Denham, Providence, R. I.; Mrs. R. S. Wilkinson, Orangeburg, S. C.; Mrs. Annie L. Brown, Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. H. E. Williams, Corsicana, Tex.; Mrs. Mary Pearson, Pocatello, Idaho; Mrs. Jane Porter Barrett, Peake's Turnout, Va.; Mrs. Nettie J. Asberry, Tacoma, Wash.; Mrs. A. L. Spalding, Charleston, W. Va.; Mrs. Charles C. Montgomery, Milwaukee, Wis., and Mrs. Ollie H. Redd, Cheyenne, Wyo.

WOMEN'S CLUBS GO TO OAKLAND

National Association Will Open 15th Meet on July 30

Oakland, Calif., June 18.—The 15th biennial convention of the National Association of Colored Women, Inc., will be held here July 30 to Aug 6. Special railroad rates will be given to women all over the country to Chicago, and special trains from Chicago will come to Oakland to this great meeting.

The National Association of Colored Women stands for the best in womanhood, for the scholarship of youth, for home life and for good citizenship. It embraces a membership of one hundred and fifty thousand women, scattered all over our country. Individual clubs are connected with state federations and the state federations are affiliated with the great national organization. Each president is a vice president of the national, who brings to the national organization the work, the needs, the aims of the women of her state and discusses with the presidents from other states their work, needs and aims.

The 15th biennial, to be held in beautiful Oakland, Calif., will give an unlimited opportunity for the inclusive measures to be taken among the women of our Race. Business will be combined with pleasure and sight-seeing in the western section of our country.

Birmingham, Ala., Age Herald

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Flashlights In Negro Circles

STATE FEDERATION

Historical reviews of the 28 years of activity of the State Federation of Colored Women's clubs by Mrs. L. B. Duncan, Montgomery, chairman of the board of management of the state reformatory for negro boys and the girls' rescue home at Mt. Meigs, and an address by Mrs. R. R. Moton, Tuskegee institute, were outstanding features of a mass meeting held last Sunday afternoon at Tuscaloosa, marking the opening session of the twenty-eighth annual meeting of the federation. The meeting is said to have been one of the most enthusiastic and inspiring sessions in the history of the organization.

The session Monday night consisted chiefly of welcome addresses from individuals representing the business and professional interests of Tuscaloosa and responses from persons speaking for the federation. The annual address of Mrs. A. M. Brown, president, Birmingham, and memorial services for the late Mrs. Booker T. Washington, former state president, were also of interest to those attending the meeting.

In her annual address, Mrs. Brown declared that the negro women representing the federation were doing a great work for the social and moral development of the race. She urged education, character, good home life and the promotion of ideals which encourage a high standard of living and good citizenship. The speaker express appreciation for what state authorities had done to help and encourage the women of the state in the establishment and successful promotion of the boys' reformatory at Mt. Meigs, which she declared was the realization of a dream and a long cherished ambition of the state organization.

The Tuscaloosa News, which devoted considerable space daily to the convention, was heartily thanked by the officers. Mrs. Brown's address was received with enthusiasm and she was unanimously reelected for the ensuing 12 months.

The annual report of Mrs. L. B. Duncan, chairman of the board of management was filled with items of interest to the convention. Entertainment features consisted of trips to the hospital for the insane, the home for the feeble minded and other points of interest. Several social features also added to the pleasure of the delegates. The 1927 session of the federation will be held in Birmingham. Officers were elected as follows: Mrs. A. M. Brown, president, Birmingham; Mrs. W. T. Williams, vice president-at-large, Tuskegee; Mrs. M. L. Darden, first vice president, Opelika; Mrs. A. L. M. Hall, second vice president, Tuscaloosa; Mrs. S. P. Foreman, third vice president; Anniston; Mrs. H. M. Gibbs, fourth vice president, Montgomery; Mrs. I. M Hudson, recording secretary, Selma; Mrs. R. J. Brown, assistant recording secretary, Birmingham; Mrs. J. E. Hutchinson, corresponding secretary, Birmingham; Mrs. George W. Baugh, assistant corresponding secretary, Tuscaloosa; Mrs. Charles Steers, treasurer, Montgomery; Mrs. R. M. Neely, publicity agent, Birmingham, and Miss Rosa Jones, state organizer.

Rev. J. W. Goodgame, Jr., son of Pastor Goodgame, of the Sixth Avenue Baptist church, will fill his father's pulpit and preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, according to announcement. Rev. Goodgame, Jr., is a theological student at Virginia Union university, Richmond, Va., and is spending his summer vacation in Birmingham. Considerable interest is being manifested on the part of the members of the church and an unusual large crowd is expected to be present to encourage the young minister, according to announcement.

Official representatives and local members of the Tuskegee Alumni association left Birmingham Monday for Chicago to attend the second annual session of the national body. The delegation was headed by Prof. A. G. Dobbins, president of the Birmingham branch of the association. Other elected representatives included Prof. Charles T. Mabry and Miss L. Shortridge, Mobile, Tuskegee, Montgomery, Atlanta, Memphis and other southern cities are said to have sent large delegations to the meeting.

Parents and students alike are expressing appreciation for the six weeks' summer school provided by the Birmingham board of education for students in the elementary grades who need to make up credits in various subjects. The sessions are being conducted at the Lincoln school, Eighth avenue and Ninth street, north, from 8 to 12 daily and girls and boys are in attendance representing nearly all the elementary schools in Greater Birmingham. Several hundred students have enrolled with nine teachers in charge, under the direction of Prof T. J. Settles, principal of the Hudson school.

Summer school for teachers at Miles Memorial college, Vinesville, opened Monday with the largest attendance in the history of the school, according to authorities. Teachers from several counties outside of Jefferson are in attendance. Prof. M. P. Burley, dean of the school, is acting president under the direction of Bishop R. T. Brown, Dr. W. L. Ward, former president, having resigned at the close of the last school term a few weeks ago. The outlook for the 1926-27 school term is very bright, according to Bishop Brown, who says that definite plans for the school's building program will be announced in the near future.

Local Baptist missionary societies have elected delegates and made preparations looking forward to the annual state meeting of the women's convention to be held at the Columbus Street Baptist church, Montgomery, beginning Wednesday, June 16. The Birmingham delegation, which will be one of the largest in the state, will leave over the Louisville and Nashville Tuesday afternoon for Montgomery, according to plans. Elaborate plans are being made for the entertainment of the visitors, according to Rev. Spurgeon Davis, pastor of the Columbus Street church. Mrs. H. M. Gibbs, Montgomery, will preside over the meeting, which will last through Friday.

The signal for the annual election of officers of local chapters of the Order of Eastern Star was sounded this week when Dora Chapter No. 465, one of the leading chapters of the state, although very young, re-elected Mrs. C. B. Chinn, worthy matron, and appointed representatives of the annual meeting of the grand chapter to be held at Tuskegee institute, July 20-22.

The Order of the Eastern Star in Alabama is making great progress according to state officers, who say that the reports at the next annual meeting at Tuskegee will show a surplus of more than $50,000 in cash. Mrs. M. Balasco, Mobile, is grand worthy matron.

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NEGRO WOMEN CONVENE

Northeastern Pennsylvania Federation Holds Its Semi-Annual Convention in Wilkes-Barre

The first semi-annual convention of Federation of Negro Women of Northeastern Pennsylvania district was held in the club rooms at 150 South State street, yesterday afternoon and last evening. Mrs. M. P. Dennis of Wilkes-Barre, who for four years has been secretary of the State organization, is president of the Northeastern district and was chairman of both meetings yesterday.

The afternoon meeting was devoted entirely to the business of organizing the various clubs in this district. The evening meeting was characterized by an interesting program, which was as follows: Greetings, by Mrs. Murray P. Dennis; vocal solo, Mrs. S. L. Young, Wilkes-Barre; paper, "My Task," Mrs. Elvira King, Scranton; piano duet, Miss Ruth Little and Mrs. Alice Blue; remarks, Mrs. E. S. Philpots, Scranton; vocal solo, Ruth Little; recitation, Rosalind Patterson; piano solo, Mrs. Alice Foster; paper, "Cooperation," Mrs. George C. Edwards; violin solo, Mrs. Drusillia Porter; recitation, Mrs. Kate Goodall, Scranton; solo, Mrs. Susie Tillman, West Pittston; address, "Building for the Future," Mrs. Drusillia Porter.

Mrs. Porter, who came from Toledo, Ohio, to act as head of Negro Community Welfare Association at Scranton, was the principal speaker and discussed the problems of the work in that place. "We have had no community house in Scranton," she said, "but have been compelled to 'organize in the streets.' This condition has been entirely favorable, however, for we have made closer contacts with our people than we otherwise would have done.

"The recreational program which we have launched, has had a splendid effect upon our people," she continued. "They are receiving spiritual, mental and physical development which was never possible before. This development is bound to lead to but one result, namely, the elevation of our race to a position where they will have not only self-respect, but the respect of the entire world."

There are approximately 150 colored women's clubs in the State and all of them are working for the adoption of a program of educational development in their respective localities. The meeting yesterday was well attended at both sessions.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.
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COLORED WOMEN'S CLUBS HOLD CONFERENCE TO-DAY

R. I. Federation to Have Three Sessions in Pawtucket Church.

The 23rd annual conference of the Rhode Island Federation of Colored Women's Clubs will be held under the auspices of the Frederick Douglas Club at the Union Baptist Church, School street, Pawtucket, to-day. The meeting will be divided into three sessions, starting at 9 o'clock. The afternoon session convenes at 2 o'clock and the evening gathering at 7:30 o'clock.

Honorary Presidents of the organization are Mrs. Henriette Armstrong and Mrs. Jessie Robinson. Other officers are: President—Miss Roberta Dunbar; First Vice President—Mrs. Robert Jackson; Second Vice President—Susan E. Williams.

Secretary—Mrs. Florence V. Lopez, Providence; Assistant Secretaries—Mrs. Ethel LeCount, Providence, and Mrs. Florence Miller, Newport; Treasurer—Mrs. Bertha Lewis, Providence; Juvenile Superintendent — Mrs. Amelia Wheeler, Providence; Organizer—Mrs. Roberta West, Newport; Pianist—Mrs. Jennie Bailey, Newport; Chaplain—Mrs. Anna Thomas, Providence.

Women's Clubs Plan $50,000 D. C. Home

WASHINGTON, D. C., (ANP.)—The plans of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs to place their national home and headquarters in Washington, D. C., are being quietly developed by President, Mary McLeod Bethune with every prospect that by the third of the next biennial the headquarters will be ready for dedication.

The splendid achievement of the Association in saving and rehabilitating the Frederick Douglass Home in Anacostia led many of the delegates to the last session to suggest it as the permanent headquarters. Its inaccessibility however, as was pointed out by Mrs. Bethune, led to the decision to place it in Washington proper and the president was empowered to procede to secure the building and equipment within a limitation of $50,000.

Woman's Work—1926

Women Start Epochal Trip Across Country

By Camille Cohen-Jones, on Board N. A. C. W. Special to California.

(By The Associated Negro Press)

As a result of the co-operation of Mrs. Daisy Lampkin, Pittsburgh, Pa., chairman of transportation of the National Association of Colored Women, and F. H. Mathews, of the Rock Island railroad, eighteen standard Pullman cars, accomodated by two diners and a club car, are speeding across the great west with 241 accredited delegates to the association's convention to be held in Oakland, and several hundred visitors to the sessions. The officials have assured us that this is the longest train of standard Pullmans they have ever taken across the continent. However, when we reach Colorado Springs, they will be compelled to cut us in two, in order to go up the steep mountains we shall meet on the way west, and after we reach the plains again, we shall be joined and be made the happy family we now are.

Every woman is happy; many women are busy. The conventions held by o[illegible]cal parties have [illegible]ses than these wome[illegible] are now holding in their different sections of this special train. Every bit of the way plans are being made, plans for the future work to be done, plans for the next meeting place, plans for the selection of women best fitted to carry on the work and so on ad libitum. To meet them in Oakland, at the Convention hall, means nothing; but it means the world to be on board this special with them, to hear them, to be one of them, and a part of them to feel that you are helping them do the things so needed for the progress of not only our own race but this dear America of ours. America needs us—and if, at times things look gloomy, look forward to the day when all will be well, and before you know it it will have happened. A broader and better understanding between the races is all that is needed, and only by putting our most intelligent and best-fitted women before the public shall we ever reach the goal we are working so hard to gain.

Through the efficiency of Mrs. Daisy Lampkin many enjoyable features have been arranged by the women along the road, as well as through the courtesy of the officials of the road, making it possible for us to stop along points of interest. A picnic breakfast was arranged at Colorado Springs on the morning of Tuesday, July 27, to be followed by a motor tour for two hours.

At Salt Lake City, we shall have a stop-over in order to enjoy the noon concert to be held at the Mormon Tabernacle.

MANY COLORED WOMEN ATTEND CONFERENCE

The tenth annual conference and home-coming week of colored women, being held at Stillman institute, began last night with a fine attendance. This morning 45 Persons had registered; seven different states being represented. included in the attendance are four foreign missionaries who come from central Africa to do mission work in America.

There was an interesting program this morning. Tonight the Rev. R. A. Brown will be the principal speaker, he speaking upon the subject of the home mission work of the Southern Presbyterian church. All of the meetings are being held at Stillman Institute.

NOTED WOMEN ASSEMBLE FOR OAKLAND MEET

Oakland, Calif., Aug. 6.—With delegations representing every state in the Union crowding the city's hotels and lodgings, the 15th biennial convention of the National Association of Colored Women is in full swing in this city this week. It was opened Monday with a mammoth meeting in the Civic [illegible]

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of the national association and prominent educator, the country's largest educational institution, presided [illegible]

Gov. [illegible] Richardson of California extended the greetings of the commonwealth, while the mayor of Oakland and other high city officials welcomed the gathering to this city. Some of the most noted women of the Race were gathered at the opening meeting. Daily business sessions were given over to the consideration of large projects upon which the association hopes to embark in the forthcoming year.

The annual address of the president was given by Mrs. Bethune at the Monday meeting. She said in part:

Reviews Work

"A review of the work of the past two years in detail has been printed and distributed among you. I shall deal merely with the main points. Briefly, the necessary meetings of the executive board have been held for the purposes of work; departmental chairmen appointed; more than 10,000 pieces of [illegible] and or more telegrams related in pushing the work. I have visited 25 states addressing men, women and children in connection with the high purposes of the national association. I have also represented this body in gatherings of interracial nature before more than 75,000 people of the white race, attended the National Council of Women of the United States, accompanied by several other representatives of the national association. In addition, I have represented the N. A. C. W. at Vassar college and several other outstanding institutions of higher education.

"The Douglass home is an almost completed accomplishment of our association. It is a monument to martyrdom for liberty as well as our reverence for the spirit of Frederick Douglass. Mary B. Talbert—consecrate soul!—will ever be cherished in the amber of our memories for her part in leading the National Association of Colored Women to claim and preserve the Douglass home.

Stresses Education

"The scholarship fund in process of completion spells 'opportunity' to the oncoming generations. It also represents a greater awakening of our people to the need and virtue of self-help in education. I want you to think of yourselves as salesmen of a most necessary commodity to the Race—education. We have been highly successful always as salesmen of religion. The time has come when we must prove ourselves good salesmen of education—the essential foundation of youth. We can never forget Hallie Q. Brown for the constructive genius she displayed in proposing the scholarship fund to the national association.

"A homeless organization will be constantly drifting without a domestic anchor. In our 30 years of shifting from place to place with never a sign of permanent home headquarters for centralizing our activities and work, progress has been retarded and the efficiency of the organization has been impaired. Thus arose the demand for a permanent home and headquarters to be used exclusively for the work of the national association—a bureau of information, a dynamo of propaganda, a power house for our work.

"I come now to a consideration of the three phases of our people in the world. They are: 1. Conditions within the Race; 2. Our national environment; 3. The world's condition influencing the Race.

Within the Race

"We have conflicting idealisms among our people to be harmonized. We have accomplished little in triumphs of art, science, education and manufacture, as compared with that of the other race, but the very condition should stimulate our thought and energy as never before. We have developed no middle class to sustain our 'social upper crust.' We have a minority group of cultured members of the Race whose education, native endowments and ambitions fit them well for the enjoyment of any station of life. But the masses must be helped and awakened.

"Twelve million people are expecting the national government to remove all hindrances affecting their liberty, opportunities and protection as American citizens. This country belongs to us as much as it does to those of any other race. Our forebears and those of us living in this time have suffered, agonized, bled for this—our land. We have helped to make it what it is today. Denied equal share in the fruits of our sacrifice and suffering, we have protested. We shall protest and protest again. Our patriotism is a conviction, a consuming impulse, devouring flame. America can and must be changed.

World Conditions

"Intolerance, commercial enmities, territorial greed, racial and national hatreds, the lust for power and blood threaten the peace of the world today. Apparently the nations of the earth are again 'marking time' with a spirit of restlessness. Let us steady ourselves and aim toward peace and world-wide brotherhood. I have a firm conviction that the National Association of Colored Women may become a most influential and powerful factor in helping the world to realize the humanitarian idealism for which its better souls are striving in the efforts of nations to achieve a stable order of things. It would surely be a glorious triumph to perform indispensable service helping to win an object so wondrous and sublime in vision. We can and will take up the task!

"I have envisioned a world gathering of women, a conservative, peace-loving body, carrying the torch of freedom, equal rights, human love, holding it high and brightening the world with rays of justice, tolerance and faithful service in God's name. It is my judgment that this great association is the lever with which to overturn racial intolerance and antiracial prejudices.

"What shall constitute our means for undertaking a mission of such great proportions and what the method?

"We must first establish, dedicate and operate our national headquarters in Washington. We must make it a clearing house of co-operative effort among American women in the line objects of the very foundation of this body.

"We must create a literature propaganda for the education of our people and all people in America about the purposes and aims [illegible] of this association.

"We must create a literature to [illegible] needs of unborn generations with [illegible] of liberty and the determination to [illegible] for the very highest ideal of human life. We must in truth create a literature that will make all races of the world know that we are their human equals and determined to have [illegible] consideration in all the affairs of world society.

"Slogan of America: Rise to the [illegible] Prepare! Equal opportunity and [illegible]. Do your best! Give your best!"

MRS. BETHUNE IS REELECTED PRESIDENT OF N. A. C. W.

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Oakland, Cal., Aug. 8.—At the conclusion of the most enthusiastic and [illegible] convention in the history of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of Bethune-Cookman Institute, Daytona, Fla., was re-elected president. Washington, D. C., was chosen as the meeting place for the next biennial of the association.

One of the new features of the Association, born at this biennial, is a Young Woman's Department, which was organized to interest young women throughout the country in club work, with Ella Phillips Stwart, of Toledo, Ohio, as Chairman of the work among the young women.

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune Unanimously Reelected President of National Body Of Colored Women's Club Federation

300 Colored Women Travel Across Continent To California Chartering Biggest Pullman Equipment Ever Used By Transcontinental Women Travelers

Oakland, Calif.—Three hundred colored women filled specially chartered Pullman sleepers that took them from Chicago to Oakland for the fifteenth biennial convention of the National Association of Colored Women, these cars constituting the largest aggregation of special Pullman ever furnishd by that company to any group of women for a trip to the Pacific Coast.

The women, who were joined here by other hundreds from the Great West, held one of the most enthusiastic sessions the organization has known. The keynote was sounded by the president, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, in her annual address delivered on the opening day, throwing down the gauntlet in a challange to the forces responsibe for "hydra headed caste," as she termed recent outbreaks of prejudice as evidenced through segregation efforts against the Negro; the preservation of the Frederick Douglass' Home at Anacostia, District of Columbia, as a perpetual shrine; and the acquiring of headquarters for the organization in Washington, to "become the center of all its activties, a torchlight guding the race throughout the land—a dynamo to inspire our people to climb higher and educate the whole world regarding the true character, better life, needs and advantages and disadgantages of the Negro in America."

The Scholarship Fund

Mrs. Bethune also emphasized the value of the Scholarship Fund, which, she said, "spells 'Opportunity' to the oncoming generations." She asked the women to [illegible] of ourselves as salesmen of a most necessary commodity to the race—Education. We have been highly successful, always as salesmen of Religion; met some success as salesmen of sick and death benefits in life insurance concerns and fraternal bodies. The time has come when we must prove ourselves good salesmen of Education—the most essential foundation of every worth ambitions to achieve a successful career in the world."

The women adopted strong resolutions in approval of the president's recommendations, laying particular street upon the purchasing of headquarters in Washington.

A solemn memorial service was held for the late Mrs. Margaret Murray Washington, widow of Dr. Booker T. Washington, in which a number of touching tributes were paid to the work of Mrs. Washington.

Mrs. Bethune Relected

Mrs. Bethune was unanimously relected as president, and Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, founder of the Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia, N. C., was elected secretary. Mrs. Addie Waite Hunton of Brooklyn, N. Y., was elected as parliamentarian, and to succeed Mrs. Washington as president of the International Council of Women of Darker Races.

COLORED WOMEN RECEIVE CORDIAL WELCOME IN WEST---HEADQUARTERS IN NATIONAL CAPITOL

(By Mrs. R. M. Neely)

Oakland, Calif., Aug. 3.—We are in the second day of the National Association of Colored Women. I feel quite certain that this fifteenth biennial meeting in Oakland will go down in history as the most outstanding of all. It looks as if the eyes of the world have been focused upon California this week of August first. "Ethiopia has stretched forth her hand." The flower of Negro womanhood is here assembled—1,000 strong, the great majority of whom have traveled more than five thousand miles, spending more than $180,000. In attendance are 40 state presidents, five regional presidents, 15 national officers and 400 delegates from every state and from Monrovia, Liberia, Africa and as many visitors.

The great mass meeting on Sunday afternoon, held at the magnificent Civic Auditorium, was honored by the presence of Senator Shortridge, at this time greetings were received from all national officers and state presidents. Greetings from Alabama were given by Mrs. A. M. Brown. Albama, you know, comes first, alphabetically, and I might add Alabama is not behind in anything, beign first two in the sale of souvenir spoons for the Douglass Home.

Monday morning routine business of the association was taken up, reports of officers, standing committees and departments, the most important being that of the executive board, who had held sessions Friday and Saturday, rounding out the mass of business to be considered by the body.

It will be of interest to club women everywhere to know that we voted for national headquarters in the City of Washington, D. C. This was a fine tribute to our president, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, as a very large number of the delegates cames to this meeting to voice their protests, and did so, but were won over by the magnetic personality of the president. She was given round after round of applause after her biennial report Monday morning and her masterful address Monday evening.

The Florida delegation presented to Mrs. Bethune a very large and lovely floral design, shaped like the peninsula.

California People Cordial

We were welcomed by the governor's proxy, Mr. Merrier, and the mayor of Oakland, Mr. John L. Davis, many organizations and state officers of California.

One of the most inspiring and enthusiastic speeches made was the response to welcomes by Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, of North Carolina, who is an eloquent speaker, and without doubt is headed toward the presidency.

Addie W. Dickerson, of Philadelphia, our lawyer, is another interesting speaker. Blanche Beatty of Florida; Hallie Q. Brown, of Ohio; Elizabeth Carter, of Massachusetts; Sallie Stewart, of Indiana; Myrtle Cook, of Missouri; Daisy Lampkins, of Pennsylvania; W. T. B. Williams, of Alabama; Janie Barrett, of Virginia, and a host of others have been heard in interesting addresses.

Tells of Closing Sessions

As I told you all our meetings are being held in the Civic Auditorium. I don't think we women require such a large building. The amplifier had to be installed and even then we could not be heard. The State Odd Fellows are holding meetings in one end of the building, and we in the other. They say here that the Negroes get anything they want if they can pay for it. You would get the impression that this town had a large Negro population, but this is not so. People from all over the state are in attendance. I spent yesterday in San Francisco and saw only about one dozen colored people. There are many more in Los Angeles. We go there on special train on Saturday.

Mrs. Bethune, our president, has made a fine record for attending strictly to business. Our meetings begin promptly at 9 a. m. and 8 p. m., and she has order, too, which is very hard in a woman's meeting.

The state reports, which consumed most of Wednesday's sessions, were very interesting and covered a very large field of uplift work.

The credential committee gave the legal voting strength as 418, and as usual the election was interesting, although this meeting is not election year. We used the Australian ballot, and some of the Northern delegates who are really in politics, tried make a very serious business of There were very few changes made in the personnel.

Revision of Constitution

The revision of the constitution was the big business of the meeting, and came on Thursday morning. The women voted for a real per capita tax (50 cents per woman per state annually). Some are still wondering about the practicability of this. This money will be pro-rated among the objects of the nation, which are the Douglas Home at Anticosta, D. C., which as many know, has been redeemed and is being maintained by the national, Mrs. Nettie Napier of Nashville, Tenn., is president of the board of trustees; $9,000 was given at this session for the Douglas Home.

The scholarship fund, headed as many know, by the noted educator, Miss Hallie Q. Brown, of Ohio, is another object of nation. In the great educational rally on Tuesday evening, more than $2,500 was raised towards the $50,000 fund.

National headquarters, the new object inaugurated by our president, has certainly taken hold of the people since its passing. Many individuals and organization and the general public in giving donations seem to prefer this and more than $7,000 was pledged along with several hundred in cash.

Junior Federation

The juniors made their appearance in a very spectacular parade headed by a brass band at the afternoon session Thursday. They are under Mrs. B. Childs of Kansas. A very fine program was rendered, and a junior federation was perfected, numbering 25,000.

The Ne Plus Ultra Club of Topeka, Kas., received the cup for the best art display.

Courtesies

So many lovely courtesies have been arranged for the national delegates. On Saturday evening a lovely reception was held at the Linden Branch Y. W. C. A. On Monday the State Federation of California, gave a reception at the auditorium. On Wednesday the Odd Fellows gave a dance at Paradise Hall, and on Friday Mr. E. B. Gray (formerly of Alabama) gave a lovely party at Pacific Hall.

So many state affairs have been arranged by the loval daughter now living in California, dinners and teas galore and sight-seeing parties. Sixty cars will take the federation over the City of Oakland Saturday and over San Francisco on Monday.

Woman's Work—1926.

Open Letter To Every Negro Club Woman

(Through The Associated Negro Press)

The Fifteenth Biennial Convention of the National Association of Colored Women, Inc., the largest organized body of Negro women in the world, will be held in Oakland, California, July 30, August 6, 1926. Special railroad rates will be given to women all over the country, and special trains will leave from Chicago to this great meeting.

Perhaps some of our women do not realize the significance and importance of this Convention. The National Association of Colored Women, which stands for the best in Negro womanhood, the best scholarship of our youth, the best home life, the best in business and in health, the best in art, the best in legislation and the best in citizenship embraces a membership of nearly one hundred and fifty thousand women of our Race, scattered in all sections of North America. Individual clubs, city, town, and rural clubs are connected with the State Federations and the State Federations are affiliated with of the National. She brings to this organization the work, the needs, the aim of the women in her section, and takes back to them a report of the work that the supreme Association is doing.

The Fifteenth Biennial meting to be held in beautiful Oakland, California, will give unlimited opportunities for progressive measures to be taken among the women of our race. Business will be interspersed with pleasure and an extensive sightseeing program in the Western section of our country. Greater efficiency will be sought in bringing the women to the highest point attainable in all that the National Association of Colored Women stand for.

We desire the Rural districts, the towns, the cities, and the States to be represented one hundred per cent. Send your representatives so we may know YOUR problems among the women of your community.

Every Negro woman in the United States ought to read THE NATIONAL NOTES, the official organ of the National Association of Colored Women, and see what we are doing—what we plan to do—what we need to do. Find out from the Notes what your assessments are for your Club, and send them in at once to the National Treasurer, Mrs. C. R. McDowell, 1228 Center Street, Hannibal, Missouri. Send your subscription of 50c for the Notes in to the Editor, Mrs. Myrtle Foster Cook, 1436 Montgall Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

Communicate with Mrs. Daisy Lampkin, 2519 Webster Avenue, Pittsburgh, Penn., concerning your transportation to the convention.

Communicate with the National President about ANYTHING about which you are in doubt. JUST PLAN TO BE IN OAKLAND, California, July 30-August 6.

The program of the Convention will be printed in the July issue of the National Notes. Get your subscription in now, in order to get this issue.

Praying God's blessings on each one of you, and urging you to give your fullest co-operation to this work, I am, Yours for "Lifting as We Climb,"

MARY McLEOD BETHUNE,
National President.

Georgia Federation Colored Women's Club Held Best In History of Organization

Georgia Federation of Colored Women's Clubs has just closed its twenty-third and best convention in the history of the organization. There were 105 delegates present. There are sixty-two senior federations and four junior federations in the state.

Some of the prominent persons who addressed the body are: Prof. S. H. Lee, Rev. J. A. Martin, Dean J. P. Whitaker, Dean W. G. Alexander, Mr. Walter B. Hill, Mr. Clarke Foreman, Mr. A. C. Thayer, Dr. J. W. E. Brown Mrs. Geo. S. Williams and Mrs. B. J Davis.

The program of the state organization is like that of the Southern and National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. The three objectives of the state this year are: State Training School for Delinquent Negro Girls, State Scholarship and Loan Fund. President Tobie Grant of Atlanta City Federation was made chairman of the Drive for the State Delinquent Training School.

Throughout the state the women are raising money to erect this much needed school. The following cities gave toward the Delinquent School:

Albany $6.00; Augusta $7.00; Athens $10.00; Bainbridge $4.00; Cordele $9; Dublin $1.50; Macon $10.00; Valdosta $3.00; Thomasville $5.00! Gainesville $2.00; Savannah $5.00; Columbus $1; Griffin $1.00.

Mrs A. S. Clarke of Cordele is chairman of the State Scholarship Loan Lund. Cities raising the following: Albany $4.00; Atlanta $5.00; Augusta $1.00; ainbridge $2.00; Dublin 50c; Griffin $1.00! Macon $4.00; Savannah $5.00; Valdosta $1.00; Athens $2.00.

Mrs. Roberta J. Pitts is chairman of Natiinal Scholarship Loan Fund. Cities raising the folloging: Albany $2.00; Atlanta $10.00; Augusta $3.00 Bainbridge $2.00; Cordele $1.00; Dublin 50c; Griffin $1.00; Macon $16.00; Savannah $5.00; Valdosta $2.00; Athens $5.00; Americus 50c; LaGrange $2.00.

The following cities pledged to the National Scholarship Loan Fund: Augusta by Mrs. Wimberly $5.00; Albany by Mrs. Few $5.00; Atlanta by Mrs. Grant $15.00.

Mrs. Bessie G. Capel is chairman of Mary B. Talbert Memorial Fund. Cities raising the following: Albany $2 50; Athens, $1.00; Atlanta, $6.00 Augusta, $3.00; Bainbridge, $2.00; Columbus $1.00; Cordele $1.00; Macon $65.00

Mrs. Eugenia Hamilton, 55 Spring St. Macon, Ga., chairman of State Committe of Fine Arts asks the women who have donen beautiful work to send her at once their collectiins to be sent to the National meeting in Oakland, Calif. The State Federation is sponsoring the movement to organize a State Committee of women This organization will be composed of women who are leading state organization composd of women. Mrs. Rebecca Stiles Taylor who was president of the State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, president of the Southeastern Federation of Colored Women's Clubs and Secretary to Mrs. Bethune, President of the National Federation of Colored Women's Club is an untiring worker, a woman who is far sighted and a woman who works not for personal gain. The women of the state are grieved to give Mrs. Taylor up for these two years. With fitting words as a appreciation for her zealous work, the women presented to Mrs. Taylor a beautiful loving cub. Mrs. Mattie L. Walker of Atlanta who was vice President, now becomes President of the State Federation. With the support of the women of the state Mrs. Walker is going to "carry on" as did her predecessors. Albany will entertain the state meeting June 1927.

Empire Federation Votes To Limit The Tenure of Office To Four Years--- Mrs. Addie W. Hunton Reelected 2nd Term

Judge Jean Norris Makes Strong Plea For Negro Girl Who Is Caught In Law's Meshes—League Of Women Voters Asks Federation To Cooperate in Mutual Program

Opposition to the reelection of Mrs. Addie Waite Hunton as president of the Empire State Federation of Women's Club failed to materialize at the last minute and Mrs. Hunton was the unanimous choice of the women without any prospective candidate developing strength enough even to secure a nomination. The election was held at the last day's morning session.

But there were other changes carrying an element of surprise, the principal ones being the failure to re-elect Mrs. [illegible] as chairman of the executive board and the dropping of Mrs. Louise M. Fayerweather as treasurer. Changes were also made in the vice presidency financial secretary and historian.

The women were disappointed at the failure of Mayor James J. Walker to put in an appearance as programed for the Tuesday night session, but exigencies caused by the I. R. T. subway strike made it impossible for him to come. Former Comptroller Herman A. Metz, who was slated to introduce the mayor, spoke in his stead.

Judge Jean H. Norris, New York's only woman magistrate, spoke also at this session, making a splendid impression upon the women in her plea for the delinquent girl. Judge Norris declared that color should play no part in helping girls, but that many times she was puzzled as to what to do with the Negro girl. There are no homes other than the House of Good Shepherd, which gave splendid care. Otherwise, there only remains the Bedford Reformatory and the Welfare Island workhouse.

Judge Norris Pleads For Girls

Judge Norris urged that the colored people of means might help relieve this situation by contributing to maintain a volunteer worker in the Women's Court. In fact, said she, two would not be too many. All other races and even the various religious sects are represented. It is passing strange that the Negro alone should be without representation.

The speaker brought out that she had personally with the assistance of friends, financed one worker, and that she herself done probation work, and still does so at times. Judge Norris was strong in her plea for greater interest in the Negro girl on part of the Negro women themselves, and expressed a ready willingness to at any time confer with groups really interested.

Routine reports from committees and clubs, and the election of a nominating committee occupied the Wednesday morning session, mostly, but one feature was an address by Mrs. George E. Haynes of the National Board, Y. W. C. A., on housing problems. A demonstration in domestic arts was had from 1:30 to 2 p. m. Mrs. Lewis was the assistant presiding officer.

Gave Musical Program

At the afternoon session, Mrs. Frazier assisted in presiding, reports from various departments were made by Mrs. P. A. Wallace, Mrs. Jerome Burge, Mrs. Mabel Wright, Mrs. Alice Scott Mapp and Mrs. Mayme Taylor.

Mrs. Ada Thoms-Smith, former superintendent of nurses at Lincoln Hospital, spoke, and during a literary and musical hour, Mrs. N. B. Lofthouse, chairman of the music department, presiding, selections were given by Miss Ella Belle Davis, soprano; Miss Beatrice Henderson, reader; Mrs. Florence Wright, soprano; and Mme. Fannie Belle DeKnight, reader.

At night, Miss Marie P. Davis, pianist, of New Rochelle, played, and Dr. W. E. B. Dubois spoke on Africa. Eugene Kinkle Jones, secretary, told of the National Urban League. Mrs. Alice Wiley Seay was the associate presiding officer. Greetings were brought the body from the Pennsylvania State Federation by Mrs. Ruth Bennett, president; New Jersey State Federation, the Rev. Florence Randolph, president; and responses were made by Mrs. Josephine Holmes-Frazier.

Mrs. Hunton Reelected

The election was held Thursday morning, and as stated, Mrs. Hunton was unanimously reelected for her second term. It might be noted just here that during the afternoon session a resolution was passed limiting all officers to 2-year tenure.

The other officers named were Mrs. Mary Burge, New York, vice-president, succeeding Mrs. Mary F. Devoe of Newburgh; Mrs. Elizabeth Kidd, Corona, L. I., corresponding secretary, reelected; Miss Florence Morgan, Mt. Vernon, recording secretary, reelected; Miss Margaret Thomas, financial secretary, succeeding Mrs. Antoinet Fountain, Brooklyn; Mrs. C. C. Gunner, Hillburn, treasurer, succeeding Mrs. Louise M. Feyerweather, Brooklyn; Mrs. Estelle Berkley, New York, organizer, reelected; Mrs. Elizabeth Mayfield, N. Y., historian, succeeding Mrs. Julia Rumford Clarke, New York; Mrs. Florence Spivey, New York, chaplain, reelected; Mrs. Lottie Lytle Cowan, New Platz, Parliamentarian, reelected; Mrs. Mary D. James, New York, auditor, reelected; Mrs. Lottie Henderson, Brooklyn, chairman executive board, succeeding Mrs. Josephine Holmes-Frazier, New York.

Mrs. M. M. Harden, presided.

Department Demonstrations

These officers were duly installed at the final session Thursday evening by Fred R. Moore, editor of The Age.

At the afternoon session, with Mrs. Devoe presiding, the Department of Arts and Crafts, Mrs. Ellen Greene, chairman, gave a demonstration, as did the Junior Department, Mrs. Lena Johnson, chairman, and the Department of Program and Literature, Mrs. Drusilla Poole, chairman. The latter department presented Augustus Granville Dill, business manager, The Crisis Magazine; Chas. Johnson, editor Opportunity Magazine, and Miss Ernestine Rose, branch librarian, West 135th street library, who spoke on "Using a Library."

Miss Juliette Derriotte, student secretary, National Board, Y. W. C. A., spoke on the Youth Movement, and Mrs. Harden made a report on Church Relations.

The evening session had Mrs. Frazier as presiding officer, and Mrs. Daisy C. Reed, president Utopia Neighborhood Club, delivered an address on "Making Dreams Come True."

Women's Chorus Sing Finely

A feature of this session, as of every other of the 3 days' sessions, was the singing of the Women's Chorus, under direction of Miss Minnie Brown, with Miss Andrades Lindsay at the piano. The chorus sang a variety of musical offerings and gave to each number a cohesive and agreeable interpretation. Especially satisfactory was the singing of Dett's "Listen to the Lambs." Miss Lindsay's work at the piano was gratifying in its sympathetic and technical efficiency. Other music offerings were solos by Mrs. N. B. Lofthouse and Mrs. Irene M. Blackstone.

Mrs. Henry G. Leach, one of New York's most active and prominent white women workers in civic matters, president of the League of Women Voters, delivered a strong address on the work of the League. She declared that the organization supported men and women candidates for office without regard to political affiliations provided they stood for principles and policies helpful to women. She brought out that much of the work of the Empire Federation was embodied in the League's program and invited cooperation and working together of the two groups as women aiming at a common goal.

Strong Resolutions Adopted

Frank Croswaith of the Brotherhood of Pullman Porters represented A. Philip Randolph, editor The Messenger Magazine, who was programmed to speak on "Our Industrial Problems." Mr. Croswaith told the work of the Brotherhood in organizing the porters into a union under Mr. Randolph's leadership.

The Resolutions Committee's report was broad and comprehensive, and was enthusiastically approved by the Federation. It gave strong endorsement to various activities which aim for race betterment, including the Katy Ferguson Home for Unmarried Mothers; the Pullman Porter's Brotherhood; the Utopia Neighborhood Club program; the Pan-African Congress to meet in New York in September, 1927, placing a representative in the Women's Court; and the N. A. A. C. P.'s fight against racial discriminations.

An enumeration of outstanding accomplishments during the year show that the number of clubs was almost doubled, with a 200 per cent increase in membership, the total now being 3,000; organization of the work into definite departments, with expert chairmen; beginning the publication of the Empire State Voice, now adopted as the Federation's official organ; incorporation of the Federation.

Letters and telegrams were received from Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of the National Federation of Women's Clubs; Miss Elizabeth Carter, honorary national president; Mrs. Cora Calhoun Horne, Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, junior, Mrs. Addie W. Dickerson, Miss Myrtle Foster-Cook, editor National Notes, and Mrs. Gordon Norrie. Ithaca, Rochester and Syracuse each extended invitations for next year's session, and after considerable discussion the final selection was left to be made by the executive board.

[illegible] voted 450 delegates in attendance. An important action was the passing on a budget committee to plan ways and means for the carrying out of the various projected activities of the Federation.

The final business deliberations were had by the executive board on Friday morning at 10 o'clock at a post-session meeting.

Woman's Work - 1926

NATIONAL LEADER OF CLUB WOMEN ASKS FOLLOWERS TO RE-ELECT GOVERNOR TO OFFICE

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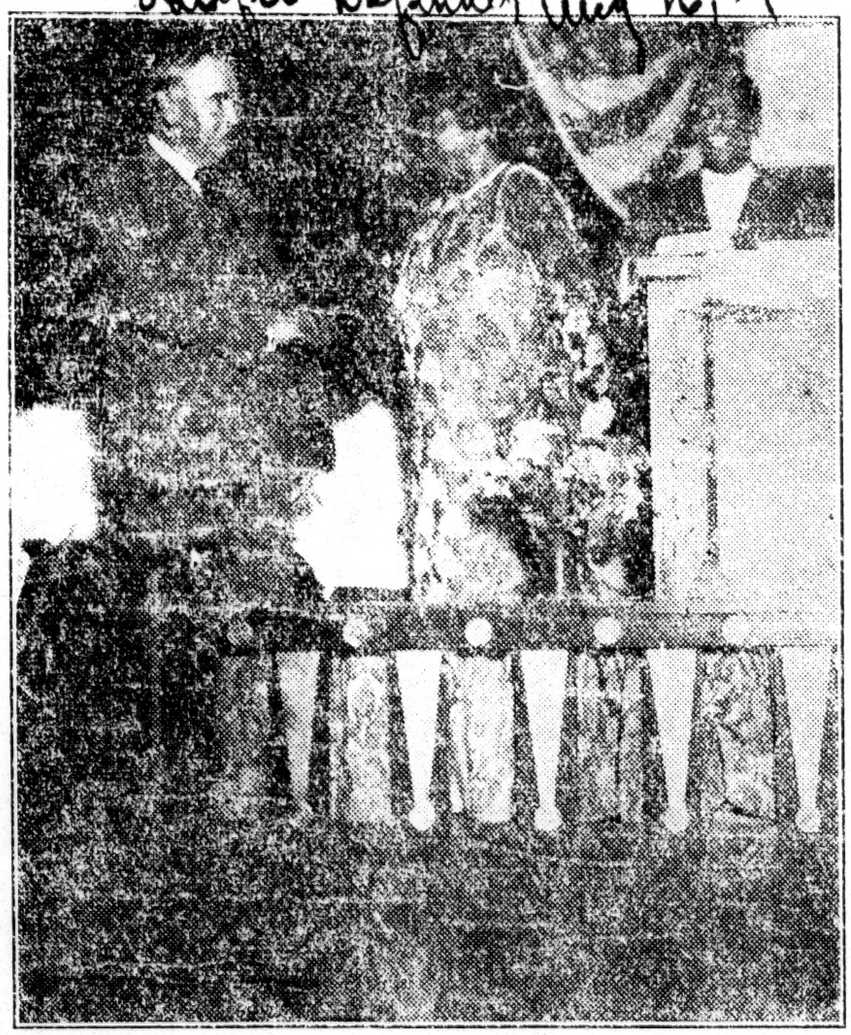

Sunday evening, August 15, was a gala occasion at the Douglass Temple, on East 21st street. It was the first occasion of Governor Richardson addressing the Colored folk in this city during the intensive campaign now on for the Republican nomination for Governor.

The church was decorated with American flags and the robed choir sang patriotic songs and Negro spirituelles. The pastor, Rev. Dr. C. W. Shields, made the presentation speech as master of ceremonies. Mrs. A. E. Walker delivered, in her characteristic way, a warm endorsement of the Governor's administration.

When Governor Richardson arose to speak he was greeted with a perfect ovation, and his address from time to time was punctuated with applause. His audience throughout his short address appeared to be in thorough sympathy with the speaker, and he closed his address amid tumultuous applause.

The next speaker was Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of the Bethune-Cookman Institute of Daytona, and president of the National Colored Women's Federation of Clubs that had just adjourned a meeting in Oakland. Mrs. Bethune is the foremost woman in public life of her people in the United States.

Mrs. Bethune listened attentively to the address of Governor Richardson, and in her interesting talk of Negro welfare work said among other things:

"I wish to congratulate you, my people of this wonderful State, with its wonderful opportunities for human progress, in having for your Chief Executive a man whose sympathies are broad, deep and patriotic. I have listened with my hopes growing stronger and stronger to this plain, outspoken address of your Governor, and I feel it's not only to your interest but it is also a bounden duty that you support your Governor for re-election.

"I shall return to my life work in Florida with this message to them: Go West, to California, where you will have an opportunity under the rare executive ability of Governor Richardson to find the spirit of fair play and encouragement in all of your elevated endeavors."

Mrs. Bethune's story of the beginning of her career of public usefulness when, as a barefoot child, she went five miles to school and five miles back, and the evidence she gave in citing the fact that she owed her education and training for her life work to the generosity of a white lady school teacher of Colorado, held her vast audience spellbound.

The effect of the Governor's speech was immediately evident following the program, when in an informal levee hundreds of prominent people, including leaders of the Race, crowded about the Governor and Mrs. Richardson and grasped their hands, with pledges of their unstinted support at the coming primary and subsequent election.

THE COLORED WOMEN'S STATE FEDERATION

BY M. E. H.
TOPEKA KAW CAPITAL
JULY 4, 1926

The twenty-sixth annual session of the Kansas State Federation of Colored Women's clubs was held recently at Brown's Chapel A. M. E. church, Parsons, Kan., with the president, Mrs. Beatrice L. Childs presiding. The slogan was, "A Greater Federation," and as a result of the executive ability and the conscientious and persistent efforts on the part of the president, progress towards the realization of this goal was evident.

The sessions were well attended —58 delegates from 41 clubs being present. It seemed that the "dove of peace" hovered over this meeting for everything went off in perfect peace and harmony, surely God was with the movement. A striking feature of the session was that each day's work began with devotional exercises, led by the president.

The initial session took the form of a mass meeting at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, the principal speaker being Elisha Scott, attorney, of Topeka. This was followed by brief addresses from others.

Monday was given to the Junior federation, of which Mrs. Childs has the honor of being the founder of both the state and national departments. This was a wonderful session with the president, Miss N. Okellan Grant, presiding.

The Executive Board held their meetings each morning with the chairman, Mrs. S. F. Malone, presiding, who with her combination of executive ability, an ever-observant eye, open mindedness and a pleasing smile, so charmed and enthused her co-workers and friends that before the session ended, she was unanimously elected as "Mother of the State Federation." After this action by the entire group, Rev. Owens, the pastor of Brown's Chapel A. M. E. Church of Parsons, sang "Rescue the Perishing," out of his appreciation for Mrs. Malone and her work with the girls of The Florence Crittendon Home of Topeka.

Special credit must be given the club women of Parsons for their hospitality including the sight-seeing tour led by the Chamber of Commerce; the splendid rendition of the pageant "Bar at the Bar of Justice" and excellent music furnished the [illegible] under the direction of M[illegible]ha Clayton.

The session reached its climax on Thursday afternoon with the president's annual message in which Mrs. Childs briefly summarized her work of the past year; carefully outlined her plans for the ensuing year, placing particular emphasis upon her reconstruction program, including a revision of the constitution; and expressed her gratitude to the assembled club women who had so loyally and faithfully supported her. Immediately after she was seated, Mrs. Essie Clark, Topeka's only race milliner, and a loyal and staunch supporter of all race leaders, regardless of the field of endeavor, arose and out of the fulness of her heart, presented Mrs. Childs with a black leather hat box—a token of the appreciation of her efforts of the past year, and for what she meant to true womanhood the nation over. All of Mrs. Childs' plans were received and adopted.

The election of officers took place. The president and first and second vice president were unanimously elected. The following are the officers:

President, Mrs. Beatrice L. Childs, Kansas City.

First vice president, Mrs. Rose Bridgeforth, Junction City.

Second vice president, Mrs. Camille Briggs, Atchison.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Katherine Helm, Wichita.

Recording secretary, Mrs. Jeanetta Haley, Topeka.

Second recording secretary, Miss Bessie Williams, Junction City.

Treasurer, Mrs. Amelia Talbert, Topeka.

Chaplain, Mrs. Essie Clark, Topeka.

Executive board—Mrs. S. F. Malone, chairman; Mrs. Esther Scott, Mrs. Essie Clark, Mrs. Katherine Helm, Mrs. Birdie Taylor, Mrs. Laura Williams, Mrs. Jeanetta Haley, Mrs. Lula Calbert, Mrs. Susie Boulden, Mrs. Viola Scott, Mrs. Phynola Cook, Mrs. Zenola Reeves, Mrs. Amelia Talbert, Mrs. Galena French, Mrs. Bell Cryth, Mrs. Gaylor Mimms.

CHICAGO ENTERTAINS CLUB WOMEN ENROUTE WEST

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Chicago, Aug. 2.—A host of club women gathered here in their private Pullmans from various states were entertained last Sunday by the Esther Social Register at the A. B. C. Ladies' Auxiliary, 3672 Michigan boulevard. The women who were enroute to the convention of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs at Oakland, Calif., where they will be in session from August 1st through August 4th, received greetings of welcome from Mesdames Elizabeth L. Davis, Rachel Cross, Dr. Mary F. Waring, Carrie Horton, Irene Goins, Ida Wells Barnett, Maud Smith, Ezella Carter and Nannie Reed. During the extended program visitors who spoke were Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, National president; Miss Hallie Q. Brown, past National President; Mrs. Blanche Beatty, of Florida, national par-

liamentarian; Mrs. Julia West Hamilton, president Washington, D. C., federation; Mrs. Cora Horne, Big Sister national chairman, New York; Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, president of North Carolina federation; Mrs. Ora Brown Stokes and Mrs. W. T. Johnson, of Virginia; Mrs. Annett Officer, of East St. Louis. Prayer for a safe journey was offered by Mrs. Fannie Turner, of Chicago. Mrs. Sadie L. Adams, president of the Esther Social Register, presided, assisted by the officers of the Register, Mrs. Clara McAdams, Mrs. Minnie Higgins, Mrs. Emma Andrews, and Mrs. Martha Walton. One hundred and fifty persons were present.

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The matter of establishing permanent headquarters at Washington, D. C., with an executive secretary at the helm, taking care of all matters perteria, and a place in general for the business of the N. A. C. W., at all times. The location was considered ideal, because it is often necessary for the Heads to be present in Washington when certain bills are being discussed in Congress, and having these Headquarters will facilitate the work of the Legislation Committee Chairman.

Want Young Women

The most interesting part of Mrs. Bethune's program is the open door she has created for the entrance of the young women into the Association. She pleads for their entrance and holds out her arms to them asking them with their trained minds to come into the National Associatoin of Colored Women and give it the benefit of their years of training.

For many years a feeling has been intense against the letting down of the bars for the young women who have been training themselves and feel that they are fitted to run organizations with credit not only to themselves but to the Race in general.

Mrs. Steward New Head

Immediately after the passing of the resolution for young women, a committee of young women went out, asking for as many of the states as possible to come in, and to bring along young women to the meetings, so that a permanent organization could be formed and begin to function at once, with the permission of the N. A. C. W. Executive Board. This was done, and the following officers were duly elected and approved by the N. A. C. W.:

President, Mrs. Ella Phillips Stewart, Ph. G., Toledo, Ohio; 1st Vice-pres., Mrs. A. E. Johson, Texas; 2nd Vice-pres., Mrs. Carrie E. Byers, New Mexico; 1st Recording Secretary, Mrs. La Ursa Snelson-Hedrick, Illinois; 2nd Recording Secretary, Miss Ruth Flowers, Oregon; Corresponding Secretary, Camille Cohen-Jones, Illinois; Treas. Mrs. Emma Holcomb, Washington, D. C.; Chairman Executive Board, Mrs. Blanche A. Beatty, Tampa, Florida; National Organizer, Mrs. Spaulding, West Virginia; Organizer N. E. Section, Mrs. Elizabeth Jeter Green, Connecticut; S. E. Section, Mrs. Jessie O. Thomas, Georgia; Central Section, Ethel Minor Gavin, Illinois; N. W. Section, Lottie L. Vaughan, Montana, S. W. Section, Vivian O. Marsh, California Parliamentarian, Mrs. Ethel Cleveland, Illinois; Auditor, Mrs. Cle-

eyed all the way from San Francisco, where he is trying cases for the government, and from which station he was granted special leave, said, "To bring cheer and encouragement." Mr. Matthews lauded the organization for its breadth, saying that unlike the American Bar Association it opens its doors to all Americans of whatever creed or color.

"The courts of the land," said Judge George, the first judge of record belonging to our group to be elected to office in America, in a finely poised address, "mean more to us on the side of human progress than any other group in our citizenship. They constitute the last resort in our battle for right and justice. Let us not shun them, but seek them and do our full duty by them. I appreciate the honor which has come to me in the holding of this office, not so much because of what it reflects upon me personally, but because my visits in various parts of the country have convinced me that our citizens there are saying, 'If Chicago can elect a judge, so can we.'"

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 7.—With lawyers representing various sections of the country on hand, the National Bar Association reached the high point in the three days of its second annual convention, last Friday night with a brilliant public mass meeting at Wendell Phillips High School here. The large audience thrilled as the legal luminaries of the nation presented such subjects as "The Citizen and the Court," which was discussed by Judge Albert B. George; "The Power of the Ballot," by Commissioner Edward H. Wright, and "Race Prejudices and Discriminations," by Attorney Alva L. Bates, who suggested that the Bar Association take a test case of the Jim Crow law up to the United States Supreme Court.

Judge James A. Cobb, who was to have told of the evils of "Residential Segregation," wired that "a jury case I am trying prevents by leaving Washington, but I greet and commend you." Wm. Clarence Matthews, special assistant U. S. Attorney General, journ-

Attorney Bates attacked the doctrine of state's rights as the weak spot in the American government and as the "cornerstone of slavery and plead for the facing and fighting by the Bar Association of prejudice and discrimination wherever it violated public or civic right. He suggested that the organization take a test case of the Jim Crow law to the United States Supreme Court.

"There can be no topic of more importance than 'The Power of the Ballot,'" declared Edward H. Wright. "In a republic governed by the will of the majority, he who has the ballot is a freeman, while he who is deprived of it is a serf. View the conditions of citizenship where the franchise is denied as compared with those where it is unabridged. No matter how much business, wealth, or education we may attain, if we lack the ballot, the white man controls our destiny and all that we possess. We need to have a voice in the making of the local laws. National anti-lynch laws, peonage measures or suffrage laws will fail of result unless by the ballot we can have a voice in the making and enforcement of the local statutes. Those of us in the states where we exercise our right of franchise should demand a pledge of every man we send to Congress that he vote to enforce every item of the Constitution. Senator Reed, of Missouri, recently said he would refuse to vote for a measure to give force to the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to protect the Negro ballot in the South, and give him his rights as a citizen there. I want to say to the distinguished senator that instead of being in Illinois investigating the expenditure of money in primaries in this state, he should be looking to the rotten conditions in his Southland and that he should be driven from the senate as a traitor to his flag."

The National Bar Association was organized and incorporated last year at Des Moines, Iowa, and has for its purposes, according to Vice-President C. H. Calloway, presiding in the absence of President George H. Woodson, who is gravely ill, "the advance of the science of jurisprudence, the upholding of the honor of the legal profession and the protection of the civil and political rights of all citizens of the several states of the United States. The need for a body such as this has been long apparent. We have no connection with the organization known as the National Negro Bar Association, which was headed Mr. Perry Howard. We are free from politics, meet every year, function every day in the year, and have the backing of the majority of legal practioners in the country."

C. H. Calloway was lected president. The next annual meeting will be held in Kansas City, Mo.

WOMEN DRAW UP EPOCHAL PROGRAM AT NAT'L. MEET

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